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GOVT. MINISTERS NAMED IN SENSATIONAL INQUIRY

Alien's Alleged Bribery And Lavish Parties

"OCCASIONAL GIFTS" TO WIFE OF SEC. TO BOT

London, Nov. 15.—An alien using five different names was said to have thrown lavish parties and given free suits and sums of money to Ministers when an inquiry into alleged irregularities started here today. The Nuremberg prosecutor, Sir Hartley Shawcross, accused Sydney Stanley, otherwise Solomon Wulkan, of being the individual "around whom, with one exception, the whole tangled web seems to have been spun."

The audience packing Church House, near Parliament, where the tribunal is sitting, stirred with interest as name after name prominent in British politics was brought up by Sir Hartley Shawcross, acting in his role of Attorney General.

These mentioned were Mr John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade; Mr George Gibson, a Director of the Bank of England; Mr Glanvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury; and Mr Charles Key, Minister of Works.

HM Ships On Exercise

Rumours were current in Hongkong last night that the British fleet was on a mission to Shanghai to evacuate families. This morning the rumour was officially and categorically denied. "The ships are taking part in exercises around local waters," the Telegraph was informed. "The exercise was planned some time ago."

It was also officially stated this morning that HMS Sussex will be illuminated tonight from 7.54 until 11 to mark the birth of Princess Elizabeth's baby.

But it is impossible to put on a fireworks display.

BOY STRANGLER IN LONDON HOUSE

London, Nov. 15.—Police were rushed to a house in Regent's Park today after a six year old boy had been found dead there.

The boy, Michael Joseph Benfield, apparently died from strangulation.

A woman was later detained for questioning.—Iteter.

EDITORIAL

Hongkong, The Asylum

REPORTS of the situation in the Hsuehchow battle area are so conflicting that the observer is left bewildered and unable to obtain a reconcilable picture. Two developments have so far emerged: one is that the Government forces have been used in great numbers in an effort to save the city which borders the Nationalists' capital; the second is that so far they have had the worst of the engagement with the invading Communist armies. Therefore, despite Nanjing reports that the Government air force is striking hard and often at the Reds, and other claims that ground forces are enjoying local successes, the impression is left that not only will Hsuehchow fall, but that the Wuhan cities will also be lost, including Nanjing. The situation, from the Nationalist viewpoint, is nothing short of melancholy and Shanghai's reaction to it is typified by the report that thousands of evacuees intent to come south to Hongkong. Thus will the Colony feel the impact of a civil war which has progressively favoured the Communists during the last 12 months until today when they are in a position to drive on the National Government from its capital and seal off South China from the rest of the country. Hongkong, naturally, will do its best to accommodate the refugees from Shanghai and other coastal ports, but it will be a severe strain on a territory already gravely overcrowded. And it is possible that not all the evacuees will be self-sufficient in means

and may, therefore, become a charge on the community. The assumption is made that Government has in hand preparations for the reception, and where necessary, the accommodation of the refugees, for we cannot have thousands of people streaming into the Colony with no place to live; otherwise there will be a repetition of the 1938 scenes when the Colony's main streets were turned into makeshift camps and public health was seriously menaced. Recollection of that period also introduces the contingency of another "invasion" from neighbouring Kwangtung, for if the Reds succeed in winning control of north and central China, it is possible they may decide to send their armies south, if for no other reason than to prevent an opposition Government operating from Canton. Hongkong would be foolish to ignore the potentialities of the existing military and political situation in China. It may develop in such a manner that the Colony is placed in an embarrassing position, even if it be no more than offering an asylum to political and non-political refugees. One physical requirement to deal with the threatened influx is suitable camps where those without accommodation can be housed; another, and equally obvious, is provision of adequate safeguards against the danger of infectious diseases. We imagine Government has already studied these needs but it would do no harm if an official statement were made to reassure the community.

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

The Attorney General told the Tribunal that at present there was not sufficient evidence to support any prosecution in relation to the matter with which the inquiry was dealing.

Stanley, said Sir Hartley, had been invited to lunch by Stanley and had not been long in the flat before Sherman arrived. "This was the first time I had that Sherman and Stanley were acquainted."

"I refused to talk to him about the case."

WITHDREW PROSECUTION

Sir Hartley said Mr Belcher—"against legal advice"—decided to withdraw the prosecution.

Dealing with the allegation about building licences, Sir Hartley said the name of the Minister of Works, Mr Key, "does not appear in these matters nearly as often as that of Mr Belcher or Mr Gibson. He seems to have visited Stanley on occasions of his flat. Nobody suggests that Mr Key received money or acted improperly in any way in regard to his official duties but he was on terms of some friendship with Stanley."

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WESTERN UNION C-IN-C WITH HIS CHIEF OF STAFF. Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, who was recently appointed Chairman of the Western Union Commanders-in-Chief Committee, with his Chief of Staff, Brigadier Ronald Macnamara, Brigadier Belcher, and a tank expert and brilliant linguist—described by the War Office as the Army's youngest General—was on the planning staff in the Eighth Army under Field-Marshal Montgomery. His appointment carries promotion to the temporary rank of Major-General.

Reds Capture Three Railway Stations

NEW FLANKING MOVEMENT THREATENS HSUCHOW

Shanghai, Nov. 16.—The Communists today occupied at least three rail stations south of Hsuehchow in a flanking movement which threatens to completely isolate the vital Government stronghold at the juncture of the Lunghai and Tientsin-Pukow Railways.

Pro-Government reports admitted that the Communists seized the minor rail towns of Lungwangmiao, Chakow and Lichuan, within 25 miles south of Hsuehchow, while heavy fighting raged in the suburbs of Hsuehchow, major rail town 35 miles south of Hsuehchow. The reports said the Communists for a time stormed into the eastern city gate of Hsuehchow but were repulsed by a concerted air-ground attack.

The Communists, believed under one-eyed Gen. Liu Bo-chang, launched the flanking movement after meeting stiff resistance east of Hsuehchow. Bypassing the fortified lines guarding the eastern approaches to Hsuehchow, the Red units, split into small bands, crossed the Lunghai railway and knifed deep into the southeastern flank where they massed and mounted attacks on the railway south of Hsuehchow. Government rescue columns were said to have rushed from the Hsuehchow area and Pengpu to blast open the railway. Reports said that a column from Pengpu was already joining the battle at Hsuehchow where the Reds were declared to be suffering heavy casualties.

FRONTAL ATTACK

The Communist frontal attack on Hsuehchow, meanwhile, was said to be still raging despite the "100,000" casualties suffered in the 10-day battle. The heaviest fighting was said to be progressing east of Hsuehchow where reinforced government troops were said to have encircled Chen Yi's eight columns at Mienchuan. The reports added that Gen. Huang Po-ao's Army Corps, after fighting with the Communist forces under Col. Chang Wei-kuo, second son of the Generalissimo, opened a strong counter-attack and exacted heavy Communist casualties.

In Peiping, the United Press correspondent, Gerald Nozick, reported that a spokesman of Gen. Fu Tso-yi's Headquarters on Monday night said that fighting had begun on the outskirts of Paoing.

The spokesman said the heaviest fighting was at points six miles east and southwest of the city. An urgent appeal has been sent from Paoing to Peiping, requesting reinforcements. Paoing is one corner of the vital Peiping-Tientsin-Paoing triangle and provincial capital of Hopei.—United Press.

IN THE NORTH

Peiping, Nov. 16.—The battle for Peiping and Tientsin, North China's largest cities, appeared to be shaping up on Monday morning. The Chinese Communists, having the big Nationalist base of Suichow in Central China, have entered Chengchih, capital of Jehol province and pushed southward toward the great wall.

Chengchih, 100 miles northeast of Peiping, is a natural base for a major drive on this big city—formerly China's capital. Pro-Government reports said the Reds

TODAY'S WEATHER: Fresh occasionally gusty North winds; fair.
Noon Observations: Barometer pressure, 1024.7 mbs., 30.26 in. Temperature, 64.2 deg. F. Dew pt. 43 deg. F. Relative humidity, 46. Wind direction, NNE. Wind force, 6 knots.
High water 7 ft. 7 in. at 8.0 p.m. Low water: 1 ft. 6 in. at 3.50 a.m. (Wednesday).

CHEMIST'S THEORY ON CAUSE OF WING ON GODOWN FIRE

Self-Ignition Of Films

That, in his opinion, the Wing On Company Godown fire on September 22 was caused by self-ignition of a part of the washed film stored there was expressed by Mr Richard C. Terry, Assistant Government Chemist, when he gave evidence at the resumed hearing before the Commission of Inquiry at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr Justice Reynolds is Chairman of the Hon N.O.C. Marsh, Messrs A. E. Lissaman, Kwok Chin and Mr Min-nung as members and Mr T. D. Sorby as Secretary.

Watching briefs are held by Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr Y. K. Kan, for the Wing On Company, and Mr D. B. Evans for the Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong.

The Assistant Government Chemist presented a report on his investigations of the fire.

STRONG RESISTANCE

The report disclosed that No. 5 Godown, being a reinforced concrete building, had resisted the fire very well. The iron door in the scavenging lane was bulged outward, as if by blast, and that leading to Whitty Street was slightly bulged. The granite pillars supporting the arcade outside were extensively flaked by the great heat.

A survey of the stocks of No. 5 Godown revealed that the contents included caustic soda, aniline oil, vegetable oil, dried fruit, disinfectant, Golden syrup, dyestuff, sodium bichromate, glycerine, ammoniac, rosin, cellulose lacquer, calcium cyanamide, iron bars, pigment, liquid and solid dyes, and washed film scrap.

After dealing with the electrical theory of oil and the theory of ignition by material descending the fire-pipe, the report, referring to the theory of ignition by human agency stated that all godown doors were found locked and no bodies were found inside the godown. No pieces of any suspicious mechanism or similar material were found.

The report also dealt with the composition of nitrate in the picture film and washed film and the storage properties of celluloid decomposition and stability. Nitrocellulose, the main constituent of nitrate film, is not a completely stable compound.

CHEMICAL CHANGE

It continually, stated the report, undergoes a chemical change akin to hydrolysis, whereby oxides of nitrogen are evolved. The reaction, under ordinary conditions, proceeds at an extremely slow rate, but may be accelerated by certain conditions. Mr Terry gave it as his opinion that celluloid which lasts for only three minutes in the 160 degrees heating test, is so unstable as to be liable to spontaneous ignition.

The total quantity of unstable film found was very small. One of the dangers, in fact, of bulk packs of celluloid is that its stability as a whole is not greater than that of its most unstable portion, since only a

Fatal Plane Crash

Berlin, November 15.—A Navy four-engine cargo plane crashed and burst into flames at Tempelhof airfield this evening.

All the occupants are believed to have been killed.—United Press.

Debate On Nationalisation Of Steel Industry Opened

London, Nov. 15.—The Government today opened a two-day debate on a bill to put Britain's iron and steel industry under state control, an issue expected to be the main Conservative target in the next General Election.

The Supply Minister, Mr G. R. Strauss, opening for the Government, told a crowded House of Commons that Britain's prosperity, growth and "influence on world affairs" depended largely on the well-being of the steel industry.

He said that unless Government refused to perpetuate the arrangement of private ownership in what might be a matter of life and death for the nation, it came at any moment to be threatened by the non-co-operation from the steel masters.

The bill will bring the industry under state ownership on May 1, 1950.

The Government will issue 300,000,000 in "stock" to compensate private owners, but will leave the iron and steel firms, under their existing names and management, responsible to a Government corporation.

The Conservatives, including party leaders, Mr Winston Churchill and Mr Anthony Eden, are expected to make major attacks on the bill, said.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

Consul Urges Evacuation

Shanghai, Nov. 16.—The United States Consul-General, Mr John Cabot, issued another evacuation notice today, advising Americans within his jurisdiction not to be prepared to remain in areas they are now residing, but to move to places of safety immediately, "in view of the generally deteriorating situation and likelihood that means of exit from China may later be unavailable."

The notice, which applies to all Americans in the provinces of Kiangsu, Anhwei, Chekiang and Fukien, said that facilities for movement are being arranged and will be announced shortly, but warned that these facilities will probably be available for only a short period of time.

He added "therefore, all persons intending to take advantage of this opportunity for movement should do so immediately on receipt of information on time and place of availability of transport. Notice also requested Americans intending to avail themselves of special transportation from Shanghai to supply all details regarding names, addresses, sex and age to the United States Consul-General, New York."

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THE INGRID BOB GETS A BONNET



INGRID BERGMAN — famed for her windswept hair-do — now owns a hat. For years she has scorned wearing one, but she left Northolt Airport with this new "ear-flap" bonnet — hidden away in her luggage.

The hat — a present from her film directors — is "to keep her ears warm" during her holiday in Sweden.

HEADLINES: The bonnet is in black velvet with a narrow upturned brim. A long rope of mixed velvet and wool coils round the crown, and ties under the chin.

What Men Like Their Wives To Wear ...

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD — A fashion designer's husband says that if men don't like the clothes women wear it's the men's fault.

Lots of women who'd like to have their menfolk's advice on clothes can't get it. Husbands think it's silly to educate themselves on fashion.

A six-foot-one, 200-pound radio announcer, Don Wilson, became the voice of authority on fashion six months ago when he became a commentator for his wife, the couturier Marusia.

Wilson now tiptoes through such tricky phrases as "intertwined circular motif, triple-tiered collar and gunmetal glaze taffeta."

"Any man can do it," he said proudly. "I, too, used to be the kind who looked up over my newspaper and said:

"Well, it's not bad, but isn't it kind of what-cha-macallit?"

"Men have excellent natural taste," Wilson said. "They like classic simplicity, exquisite workmanship and a touch of the dramatic. They'd get it, too, if they were smart enough to speak up."

Has His Own List

"A man will talk for hours about the cut of a keel or the loft of a wing, but he's proud to be illiterate when it comes to the hair of a hen. He forces his women to get her fashion advice from women."

Like every other fashion expert, Wilson has a best-dressed list. It's topped by Paulette Goddard.

"She isn't afraid to cater to fascinating ideas and sparkling fabrics," he said. "She looks as good as a fancy lodge costume."

Dinah Shore, Wilson said, wears clothes which make a husband proud to say, "Boss, this is the wife."

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. Her clothes get attention from every fashion reporter and from every male.

Patricia Neal, actress. Since her movie debut she has snowed down movie colony eligibles with clothes which make the men feel prominent to be seen with her.

Marusia. Who else?

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An ordinary cut-throat razor is used. Small clumps of hair are handled separately and tapered to a fine point. This treatment makes the hair springy and easily curled. "Sets" last longer. Medium and corner texture hair with a slight natural wave can get by without a perm.

and Home Perm-Wave

A UNITED Kingdom firm is manufacturing a combination of solutions by which permanent waving is brought into the comfort and privacy of the home. The Pin Up Cold "Perm-Wave" has the advantage that it works without the use of machine heat or electricity. According to experts of the hair-dressing trade any hair can be put into wave at the natural elasticity of hair allows it to be stretched in waves when a strain is applied to one side of the hair shaft — as is produced by curlers.

The basic constituent of the hair is keratin, a kind of protein linked into molecular chains. As the hair strands are under strain when rolled in the curlers, the keratin chains are being reoriented. This can be easily done with any hair. When a suitable wave has developed, the strain on one side must be fixed, either physically as with heat, or chemically with various materials.

Lounging Pajamas.



By GRACE THORNCLEFFE

PERT LOOKING pajamas for lounging and sleeping are shown today. Of rayon crepe in two tones, the tunic top is of chartreuse piped and belted in the deep violet tone of the slacks, making for an arresting and beautiful colour combination. One deep patch pocket has a gay embroidered motif in violet tones.

STRAWBERRY JAM SHORTCAKE

STRAWBERRIES are delicious by themselves — even with a "mock" instead of the real cream. While they are expensive and almost unobtainable in Hongkong, it is best to use them as a flavouring in a trifle or in strawberry shortcake. We also use jam as a substitute for fresh ones. Here are the ingredients you need:

1/2 jar strawberry jam, 1/2 lb. plain flour, 2 level teaspoons of baking powder, 2oz. sugar, 2oz. fat, pinch of salt, 1 reconstituted dried egg, or fresh egg, milk to mix, mock cream to decorate.

Sieve together the flour and baking powder. Add the salt. Rub

The short-cut can be adapted to suit your face. Newest styles are flat, smooth, and cover the ears. But if you need extra height, the short-cut can still be set into top curls.

WHATEVER style you choose for your short-cut set, do see that it suits the shape of your face.

Three points to guide you: hair fluffed out at the sides of the face widens it; a fringe shortens a long face; a centre parting makes the nose look longer and emphasises it.

Give yourself an oil massage occasionally the night before your shampoo. Rub vegetable or castor oil well into the scalp.

Brush your hair regularly. Many women think that brushing spoils a "set." Actually, it helps to make it last.

The Pin Up Cold "Perm-Wave" does the job chemically, treating the reduced hair with an oxidising agent to fix the wave permanently. The chemical solution is brushed on to portions of the hair which are then curled round the curler. The whole head is left for the requisite amount of time according to the type of solution used and then fixed by applying the neutralising solution for the appropriate time.

Finally the hair is rinsed, set, and allowed to dry.

Can You Build Your House Like This One?

By ELEANOR ROSS

IT'S a dream of a dream house that is currently adding to the charm and colour of New York's famous Fifth Avenue. It is a delightful house, which, completely and beautifully furnished, with garage and two cars, is to be awarded to the winner of the jingle contest being sponsored by the Heart Association for its campaign work.

The style of the house is colonial, and it is a real dream house, combined with old-fashioned charm and comfort with a most up-to-date kitchen for the housewife and a game room on top of the garage, not to forget the terrace and the breezeway between house and garage. There are eight rooms in the two-storey house, but we would almost include the garage as another room, since it is so well equipped with tools and storage space that it really is a service room and a basement.

The Piano

Much use has been made of pine as befits a colonial style. We are completely enamoured of the living-lining room, as charming and cosy and cheerful as any we have seen in many a long year of looking at exhibition and display rooms. Walls are painted dark green, the fireplace has a fine pine mantelpiece and is flanked by brass accessories. The chintz-covered sofa is placed against windows curtained in two tones of frothy white or gaily. On either side of the sofa are maple end tables, each topped by a handsome black mandarin canister lamp with a white linen shade.

A sensible idea is that of the second-floor sewing room, a cheerful room in which to work. Pale pink walls, fluffy organdy curtains and a comfortable rocker make for pleasant working and relaxing.

Guide To The Right Choice And Use Of Mascara



Posed by Ann Miller for Lois Leeds

Read these Eye Lines and you won't have any under your eyes!

MANY women seem to think that the use of mascara and eye-shadow imparts an artificial look to the eyes. This is not true if mascara and eyeshadow are applied carefully and properly. They enhance the depth and beauty of even the prettiest pair of eyes.

Mascara heightens the beauty of the eyelids and makes a glamorous "frame" for the eyes. The wide line in the application. The brush must be dampened slightly in warm water or antiseptic eye lotion. When applying your mascara treat each eyelash separately.

Mascara is selected to harmonize with the colour of your hair. If your hair is Dark Brown or Black, select a Dark Brown mascara.

Eyeshadow should be applied after the foundation cream but before the face powder. After powdering you may use an orangewood stick, with the end wrapped in cotton, to remove traces of powder. Dip the stick in water or eye lotion for a better job. To give an alluring

sheen to the eyelids, smooth on a tiny bit of vaseline or eye cream.

The beauty of the eye may be cultivated and enhanced by health, cleanliness and cosmetics. Sleep, rest and an eye bath each and every day will do much for the health of the eyes. Always bathe eyes with a good eye lotion or solution of boracic acid. Use an eyecup and always keep it sterile with hot water.

Puffiness under the eye often comes from some underlying weakness, but this puffiness can be treated locally by what I call "rest treatments." For puffiness which occurs when you feel exhausted, try this.

Take a piece of cotton 4" x 6". Wet it, then press as dry as possible. Strip the piece of cotton in half and lay it on a bowl of cracked ice or ice cubes. Sprinkle the cotton with eye lotion. Lie down for at least 15 minutes with the cotton pad over the eyes. With the fingertips, gently press the cotton pad over the puffs. Change pads several times.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Punch Wrote Judy a Letter

—And the Shadows Delivered it Themselves—

By MAX TRELL

MR Punch was busy writing something when Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, came into the playroom.

"It's a letter to Judy," Mr Punch said. "Judy was Mr Punch's wife. Judy always used to live in the playroom with Mr Punch, but one day the children who lived in the house took her up to the attic and forgot to bring her down again. I'll read you the letter," said Mr Punch. "I'd like you to deliver it to her. The postman doesn't deliver letters from the playroom to the attic."

Knarf and Hanid said they would be glad to deliver the letter to Judy. So Mr Punch read the letter which went as follows:

"Dear Judy,
You've been up in that attic long enough. When are you coming down?
Your loving husband,
Punch"

"It's not a very long letter," Hanid said to Mr Punch. "No," agreed Mr Punch, "but it says everything I want to say."

Folded The Letter

So after Mr Punch folded the letter and put it in an envelope, Knarf and Hanid climbed the stairs to the attic. There they found Judy sitting in a corner, leaning back against an old trunk.

"We've got a letter for you, Judy," Knarf announced.

"A letter for me?" Judy exclaimed, quite pleased to be getting a letter up in the attic. "Dear me, my spectacles are downstairs. Do you mind reading it aloud?"

Knarf and Hanid read it aloud. "I think Mr Punch wants you to answer it right away," Knarf said.

"It's too dark up here to write," said Judy. "But I'd like you to give Mr Punch a message. Tell him I can't come down until the children come up here. Tell him I'm very quiet and pleasant up here and there's plenty of room."

Knarf and Hanid hurried down the playroom again and gave Mr Punch Judy's message.

"Oh no," said Mr Punch, after he heard it. "The attic's no place for me. It's full of old trunks and boxes and newspapers. The playroom is much pleasanter."

So he quickly wrote out another letter which read:

"Dear Judy,
I won't go up.
Your loving husband,
Punch."



Punch wrote Judy a letter.

Knarf ran upstairs with the letter. Meanwhile, Hanid stayed with Mr Punch. Suddenly Mr Punch sighed and said: "Well, I suppose Judy is right. I suppose it is very quiet and pleasant and there's lots of room in the attic. And Judy shouldn't be alone up there. I think I'll go."

Hanid was very happy to hear this. She quickly whisked for Pooh-Pooh, the poodle, and a few minutes later Pooh-Pooh started carrying Mr Punch out of the playroom.

While this was happening, Judy was saying to Knarf: "Poor Punch—I know he misses me down in that noisy old playroom. I think I'll go down to him after all."

So Knarf, who was very happy to hear this, called the cat and helped Judy get on the cat's back and soon she was on her way out of the attic.

They all met on the stairs, half way between the attic and the playroom.

"Judy, my love," cried Mr Punch. "Punch, my dear," cried Judy.

And they got off the cat and the dog and they both sat in the middle of the steps, holding each other's hand. And Punch never got to the attic, and Judy never got to the playroom. But they were both as happy as can be.

Rupert & Mr Punch—44



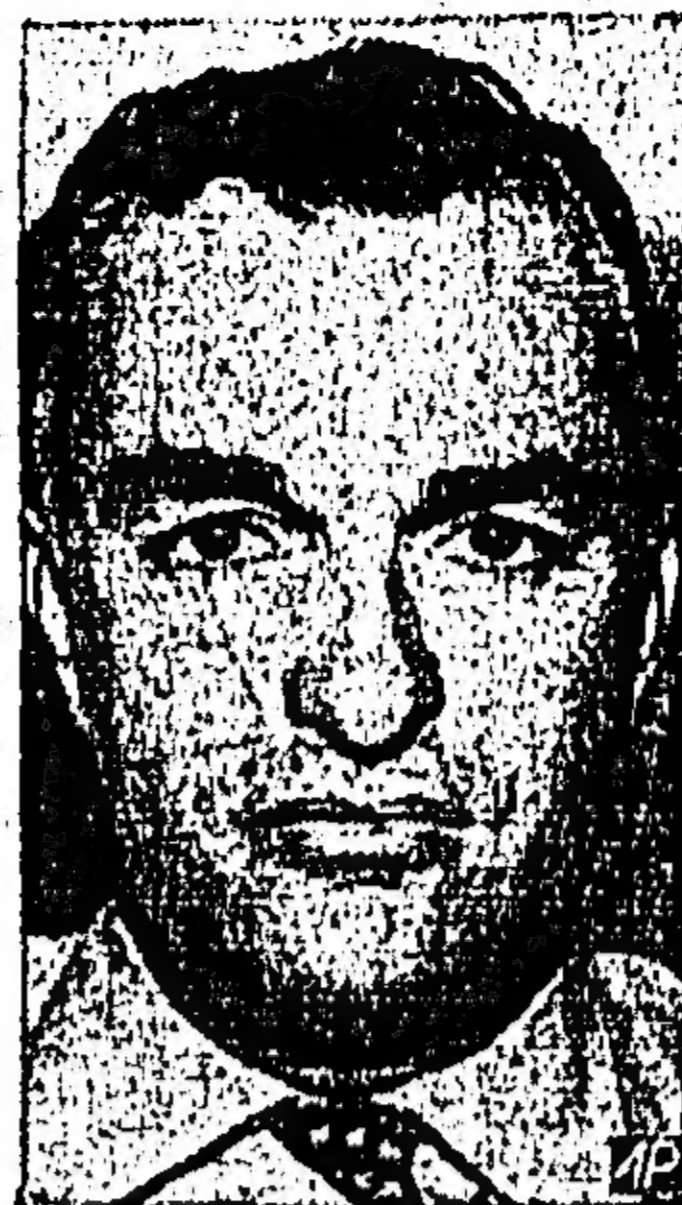
The dog Toby is overjoyed to see help coming after his long wait, and he leads Rupert and Sailor Sam to the spot where the boulder has slipped and closed the entrance to the secret cave. "This is going to be a tough job," murmurs the sailor. "That boulder's a heavy one!" He tries to lever it up, but it won't yield an inch. Then he prods into the pebbly soil around it. Meanwhile Mr Punch and his tiny friends have climbed the passage and Rupert can hear them talking.

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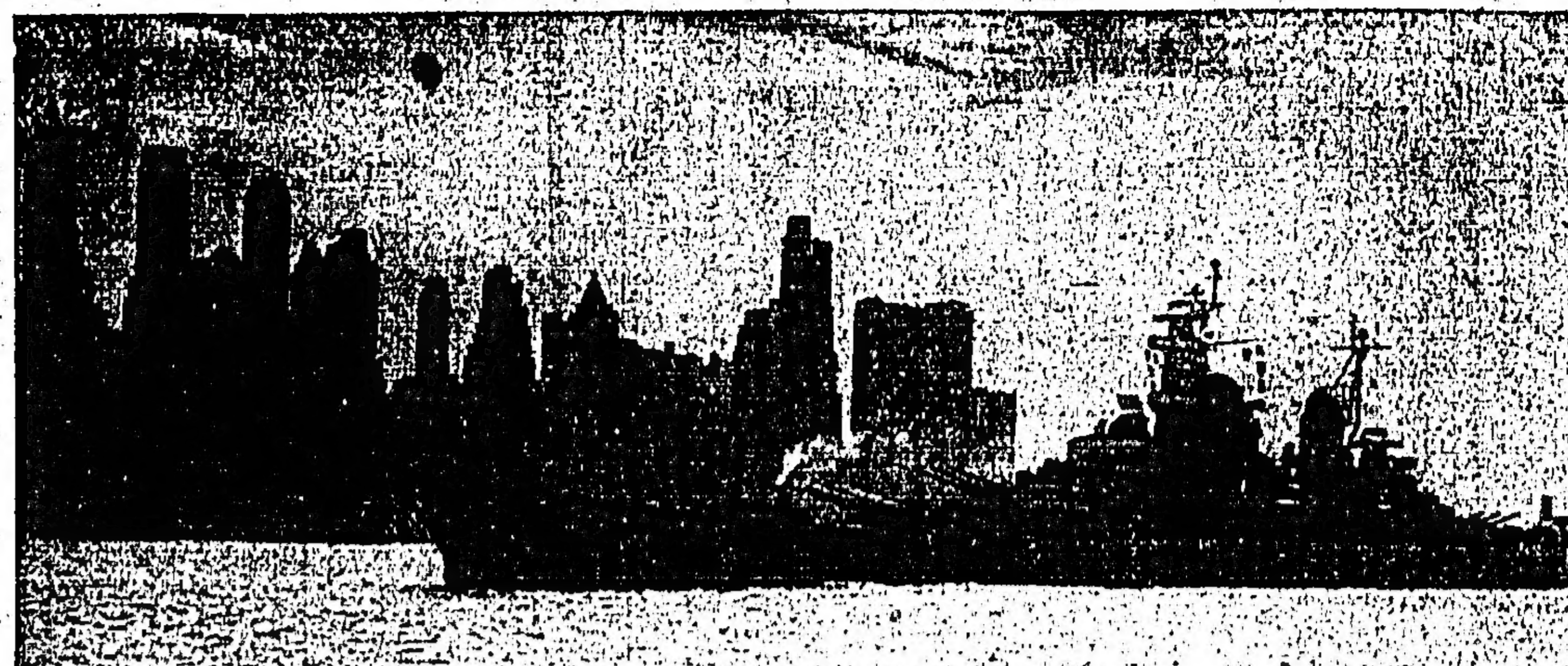
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



ROYALTY—Their Majesties the King and Queen, now grandparents, in one of their latest public photographs. They are seen walking to their car after attending the wedding of Lady Margaret Egerton and Sir John Colville, lady-in-waiting and private secretary respectively to Princess Elizabeth.



PRESIDENT—Gale Plaza has taken office as Ecuador's first freely-elected President in eight years.



'MIGHTY MO'—The 45,000-ton U.S. battleship Missouri, in which the Japanese signed their surrender, glides up the Hudson River, with the New York skyline in the background. She is the only craft of her type now in service.



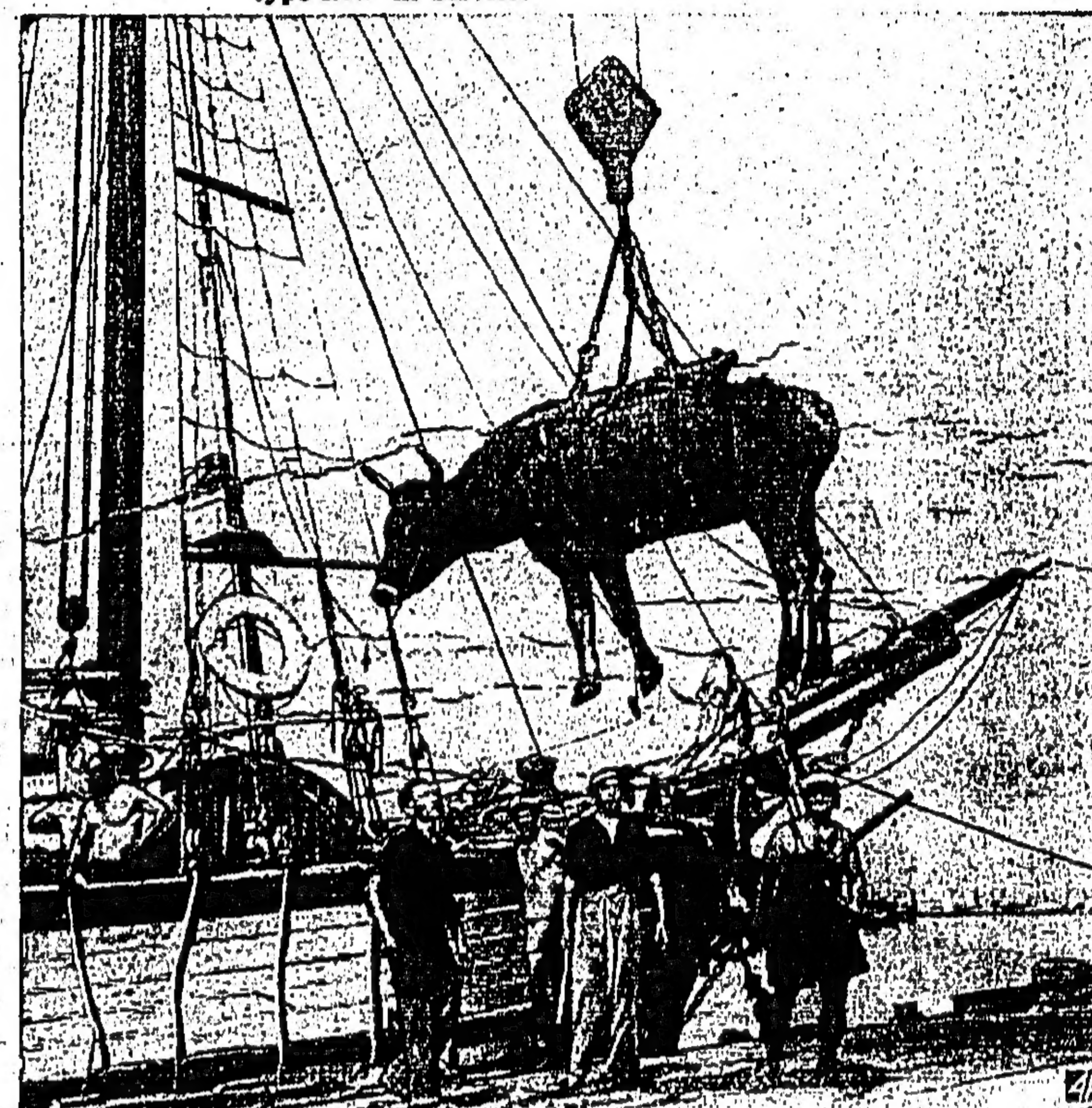
COMMUNIST GESTURES—Jacques Duclos, secretary-general of the French Communist Party, emphasises a point at a press conference in Paris.



BEAUTIES ON BEACH—Three pretty Australian mannequins sun themselves on the beach at Perth. Right to left: Nola Rose, chosen "Miss Pacific of 1948," Dawn Fraser and June Mallett.



CELEBRATION—A Polish folk dance being performed in Rockefeller Plaza, New York, as part of a programme arranged by the city in observance of United Nations Week.



MEAT FOR ISRAEL—Jewish workmen at Haifa unload a steer from a sailing ship by cargo boom and sling. The steer is part of a shipment from Turkey to Palestine.

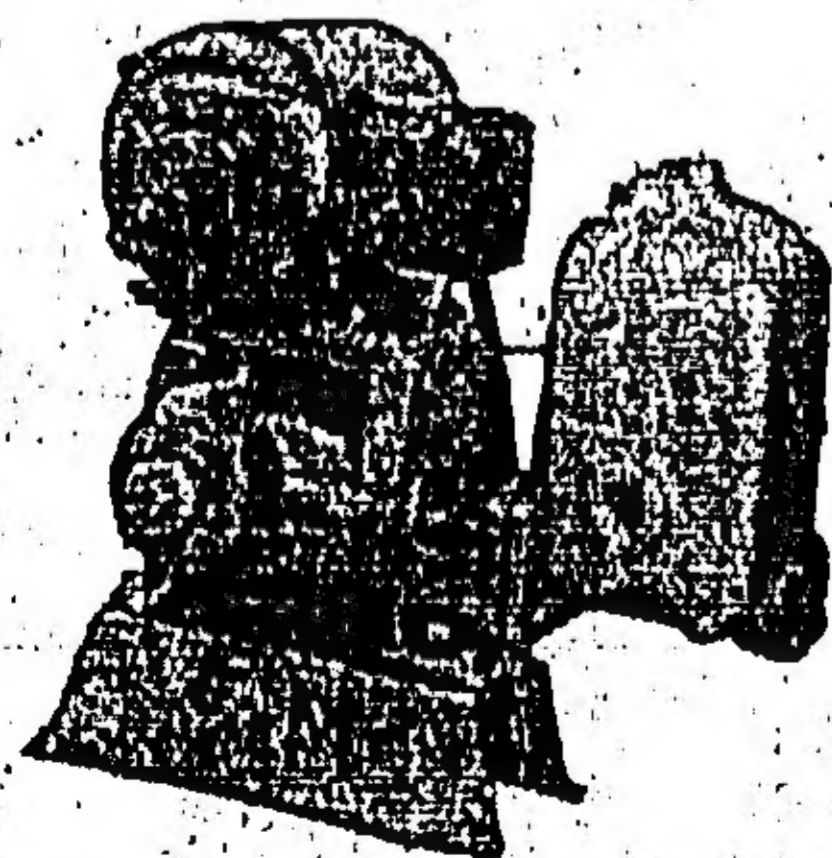


POTTERY STUDENTS—At the Greenwich House Pottery School in New York City, young students are taught the art of pottery making. Here three youngsters are intent on their work.

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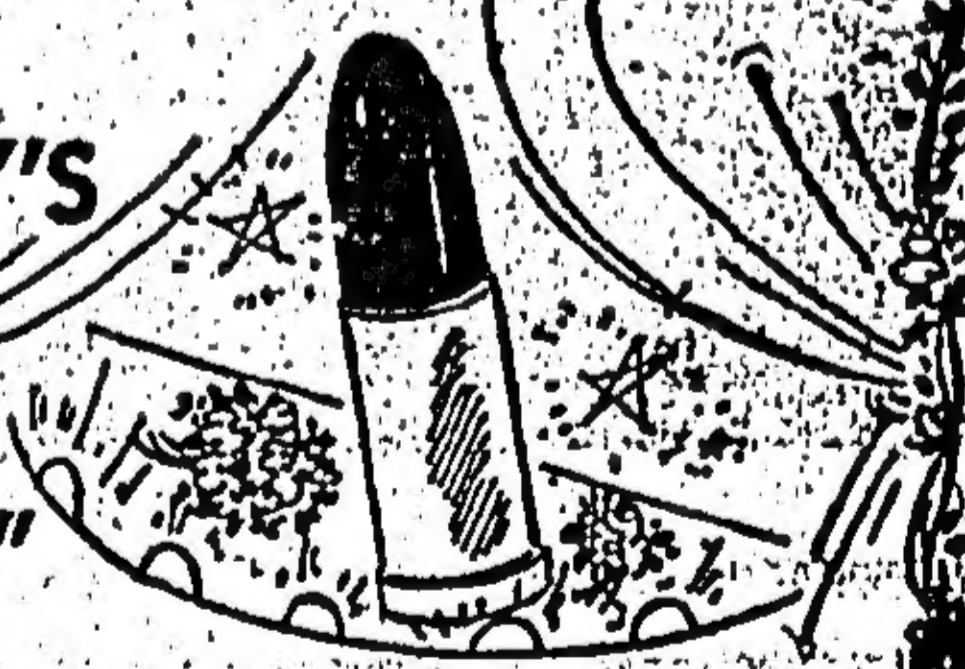
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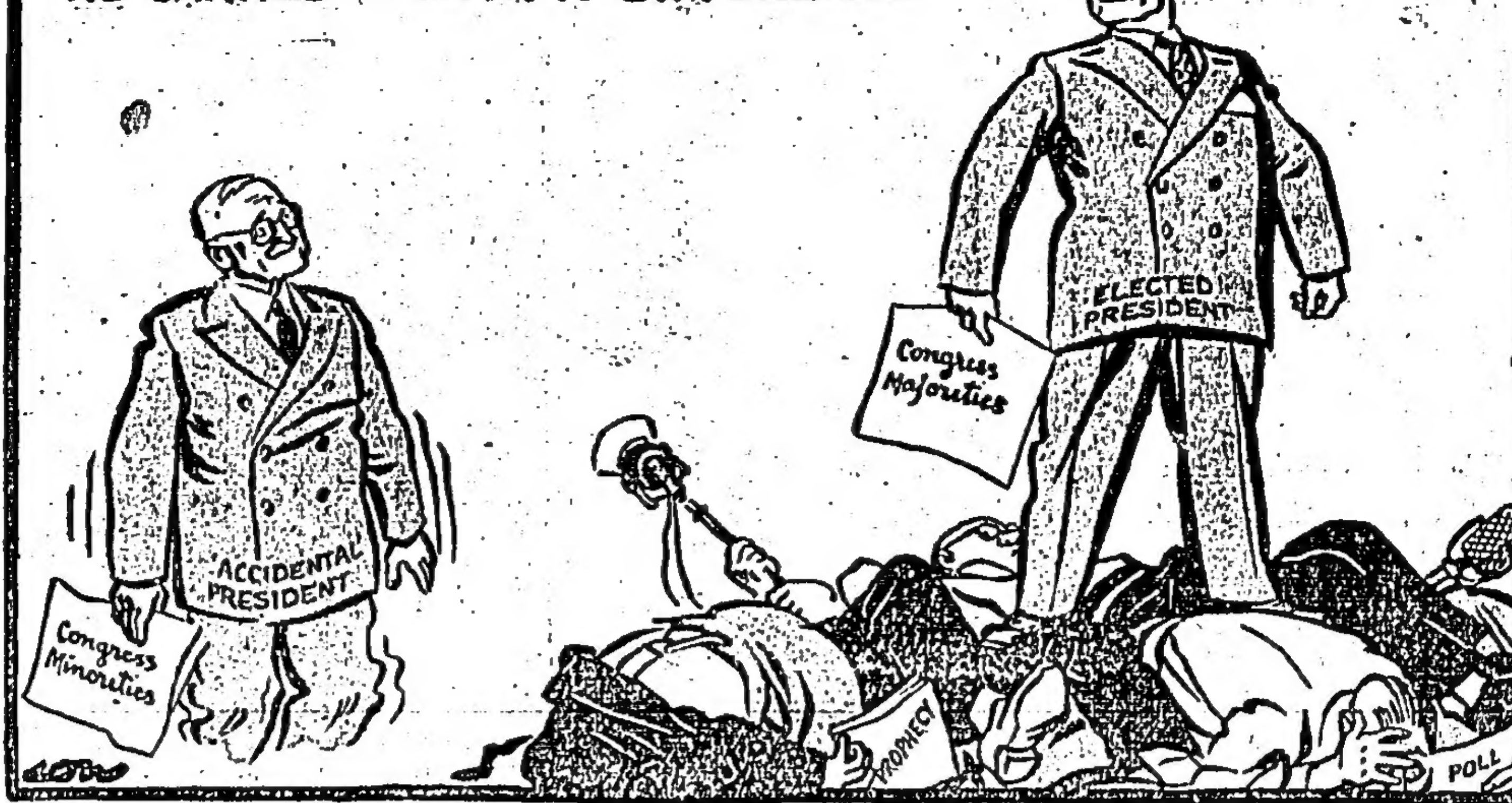
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THE ASTONISHING AMERICAN ELECTION FIGURESFighting-cock Truman
VERSUS
The Good Little Boy

AMERICA today must be covered with people lying flat on their backs with surprise.

When I was sent to the party conventions in Philadelphia which this summer chose the Presidential candidates, I met many journalists from all over the United States, and I always questioned them as to who they thought would be the next President. Only two of them named Truman.

They all thought that Dewey would be elected, although nobody liked him.

When I asked whether people would really vote for a man whom they did not like, I was told that they would. It is impossible to say that what I was told was quite wrong, for people did not seem to like Truman much, either.

One might, indeed, say that many people did not like Truman at all; that they regarded him as a tedious little mediocrity with a talent for putting his foot in it.

Yes, the election news must be really awful for many people in the United States.

MISS SNOOKS

It is like what would arise in an English village if Miss Snooks, the dowdy little girl whom everybody had snubbed, suddenly married the great landowner of the district. A lot of people who never asked her to their parties would now wonder whether she will ask them to hers.

Harry Truman has been insulted by everybody. The Democratic Party machine sought to replace him by a substitute to replace him as their candidate that I would not have been surprised if they had picked a reporter out of the press at Philadelphia to fill the bill. They had reason.

They themselves had so persistently blackballed Truman ever since he took over after Roosevelt's death that it was no wonder they hardly had the face to present him to the public as a worthy candidate. As for the American press, and particularly the columnists (who exert so much influence on public opinion), they allowed themselves a remarkable freedom of expression regarding their President. While as for private persons, I was often surprised by the intensity of the dislike with which they regarded him.

I can think of two Prime Ministers in our time who came in for something comparable; but their period of disfavour began after they had left office. There would have been no question of their holding office, under our more merciful constitution, if they had excited such dislike.

GIANT-KILLER

THE two American journalists who told me that Truman might be elected came from provincial towns, and their columns were not syndicated in New York or Washington. They were representatives of the old America, which is always young, which has the sound primitive values which cheer Jack the Giant-Killer.

Maybe when they saw a man who was assailed from every side, even his own, and who went on claiming leadership without losing a kind of Tom Sawyer robust high spirits, they had to pay tribute to his spirit.

Equally, the same sort of primitive values have acted against Dewey, what always happens to the little boy in the back velvet suit with the lace collar, holding the first prize for good conduct in his perfectly clean hands, when he has to trust himself to the mercy of his rude little schoolmates.

Mr Dewey is cursed by nature with the most recognisable attributes of the Good Boy. Everybody with a vestige of the Bad Boy in his heart is apt to resent him. But the extraordinary success of Truman in some measure by that night-mare of every election agent—over-confidence in a popular candidate.

At a late hour the figures showed that under 50 percent of the electorate had troubled to go to the polls.

The result of the straw vote taken before the poll, which showed a clear victory for Dewey, suggests that many of the non-voters who stayed at home (or went to a party) were Dewey supporters who were sure that their candidate would be elected, anyway.

TRUMAN GRINNED

THE fact about Truman is that he is not a mediocrity. He is, on the contrary, a very odd person indeed; and he can draw on powers which the casual observer would never suspect.

Nobody who heard him make his astounding acceptance speech when he was nominated Democratic candidate could ever doubt his dynamic qualities.

There we all were, dead tired after 10 hours in a hall where the temperature was a hundred degrees, wet with sweat, hungry, thirsty, feverishly irritable with suspense and the boredom of a highly formalised procedure.

The little man came in and grinned at the audience. We knew that he was grinning at the Party machine, which had done its best to oust him because he was not sufficiently a person, and all the same, here he was, the nominated candidate.

Then there were some more infinitely wearying fandangoes, ending in a final tribute which had looked innocent enough, disorganising some highly superfluous doves all over the hall.

We got more and more flatly, wetly exhausted.

And then Truman fetched us out of our sea with a superb speech—an oratorical achievement such as I have heard belted in terms of prose, but never in effect on an audience.

Harry Truman was a fighting cock, and we strutted and pecked and

ruffed our wings with him. At moments he was even an eagle, and we enjoy vicarious eagledom.

It was an unwise speech, for he attacked the Republican Congress at a time when it was of importance to preserve national unity, and such an attack could only be a party manoeuvre.

But was it only a party manoeuvre? Look at the returns of the House of Representatives. There the Republicans are out and the Democrats are in. Truman was, in this matter, speaking for the people.

And how far he did it out of any logical feeling or out of pure blind intuition nobody will ever know.

ALL MY OWN WORK
HE does crazy things like planning Vinso's trip to Moscow. (Amazing, that he has done so well in spite of that episode. It shows how stable the great mass of Americans will not—and the refusal is very natural—put foreign affairs first.)

Yet the wisest and most competent officers of his Government like him and even admire him. They say that once they put a problem before him right side up, he can handle it with extreme intellectual competence and remarkable courage.

The trouble is that this extraordinary triumph—which Truman can quite accurately describe in the words "all my own work"—is certain to exaggerate his prime fault of relying on his own judgment and ignoring his advisers.

But if Truman goes back to the White House Marshall will stay, and a coherent and continuous policy can be pursued in Europe, with no fear of a house-moving and general post of personnel. If Truman goes back to the White House Marshall's assistants at State, Robert Lovell will stay—and he is as civilised man as may be found in any Government today.

So, too, will the Secretary of Defence, James Forrestal, for whom the Communists have cooked up a formidable unpopularity, but who is an able, grand old man. It is true that the debris left by the administration of President Roosevelt. This will be to many Americans a discouraging aspect of a Truman victory.

THORNY PROBLEMS

If Truman is safely back, moreover, there will be a great deal of very tricky work for him to do. He will have to repeal the Hartley law, which is an attempt made by Republican legislators to deal with the vexatious strike and the Communist infiltration of unions.

There is an even thornier civil rights issue. Truman has pledged himself to introduce legislation to abolish various forms of discrimination against minorities, of which the negroes are the most important.

The Thurmond vote, not so large as was expected, is large enough to show how difficult it will be to induce the South to abolish segregation.

C.V.R. THOMPSON REPORTS
THE AMERICAN SCENEBritain Again
A 'Brave Ally'

NEW YORK

BRITAIN has worked her way back into the "brave Ally" class in America.

There are still many Americans, of course, who, as the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, diplomatically puts it, "hold views on Britain which I cannot agree."

But there are more at the moment making friendly statements about Britain.

For instance, a New York newspaper, the Herald-Tribune, has gone out of its way to compliment Britain on its share in the Berlin airlift.

New Yorkers, who had previously thought that this was an all-American show, read such statements as these:—

"Around the middle of August the British lift was 45 percent of the total. Currently, they are hauling a quarter of the Berlin airlift."

"Considering that our Ally has not been eating to over-indulgence or building mountains out of coal, this effort was made at a real sacrifice."

"The import of this article is to make certain that a fair credit goes to a gallant Ally."

WORRIED BY the loss of British markets, Virginia tobacco growers were assured by Washington that they need not worry. Because more American women are smoking more than ever, Washington said next year's domestic production of cigarettes will reach an all-time record—395,000 million of them.

THE COMMISSIONAIRE at Washington's only Russian restaurant no longer wears a Cosette's uniform. He complains that too many people tried to punch his nose. His new uniform is just like that of an American mariner.

A MUSHROOM TOWN in wealthy Texas has only two streets, which it has officially named "This Way" and "That Way."

THE MARSHALL PLAN'S Paul Hoffman got back to New York just in time to receive a medal proclaiming him "Business man of the year" from the Board of Trade, a businessmen's organisation and not a Government department.

CONGRESSIONAL witch-hunters promise they will soon start investigating America's universities for "Red dons." The big question: Will the so-called "Un-American Activities Committee" question General Iko, head of America's largest university, Columbia? The committee will not say.

SHOW BUSINESS: Alice Faye is planning a film come-back... Leueen MacGrath, of the New York company of "Edward, My Son," is turning down long-term Hollywood offers because she does not think she is pretty enough... Chico Marx of the Brothers will tour provincial music-halls in Britain next year... Harold Keel, from the London company of "Oklahoma," is to star opposite Greer Garson in her next film.

Politics for tiny tots is
Stalin's nursery plan

WHAT young Ivan learns when he goes to school is no Iron Curtain secret. It is set out in a 200,000-word well-thumbed manual which rests on the bookshelf of every Soviet school teacher.

Two American research workers have just finished translating it into English. It is the officially approved guide-book of learning for nearly 40,000,000 youngsters—the training text-book of the Soviet Ministry of Education.

From the age of three—when he goes to kindergarten—Ivan begins to learn the carefully planned lessons which will make him into a good Russian citizen.

He begins learning politics. The textbook says that the idea of a school standing outside of politics is "a hypocritical lie."

Ivan's early years are looked on as the most important because—as the book says—the basic habits of socialist life are formed during this period.

THE HABITS? "Order and discipline... Friendship and comradeship among children... Love of our great Motherland, of the Communist Party, of the leaders of the people... Love of and respect for the Red Army and its heroic warriors."

But while he is learning politics young Ivan is learning his manners, too. There are 20 rules which he learns as the duties of every boy and girl in Russian schools. For example:—

"I WANT TO BE LIKE STALIN," translated by Counts and Lodge (Gollancz, 7s. 6d.).

He must never be late.... He must sit erect during lessons.... He must not use bad language, smoke, or gamble.... and many others that could easily rank in any other classroom.

But Ivan learns many things which seem strange. He learns, for instance, that Soviet Russia is "the largest, richest, most powerful, and most advanced country in the world."

He learns in his latest history book 150 years about Allied training in World War II ("The Great Patriotic War").... no mention of Lense-Lend, this "battle for control of the seas, or the Western bombing of Germany."

The teachers' textbook says: "We proved to be the only Power capable not only of halting the dark surge of Fascism, but also of inflicting on it a decisive and fatal defeat."

He learns that he cannot go wrong if he follows the example of the man—Stalin—

Above all, under the careful instruction of the 200,000-word manual, little Ivan is made to feel that his school-work is serious to an extent beyond anything known in the rest of the world.

The American translators (a professor and a woman research assistant, both of Columbia University) sum up the book by saying:—

IT IS building two great myths in the minds of young Russians—one about themselves and the other about the outside world.

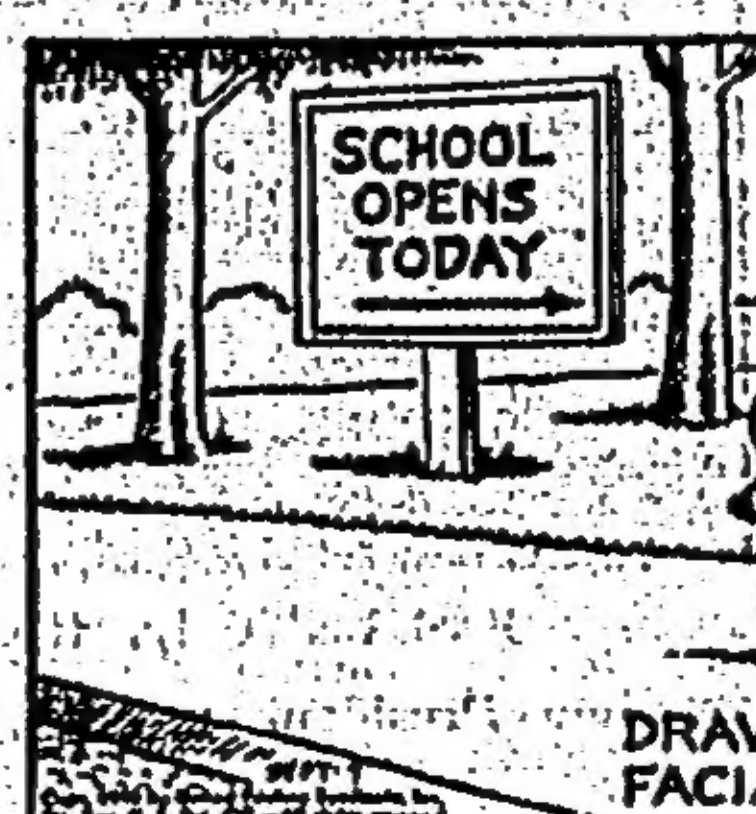
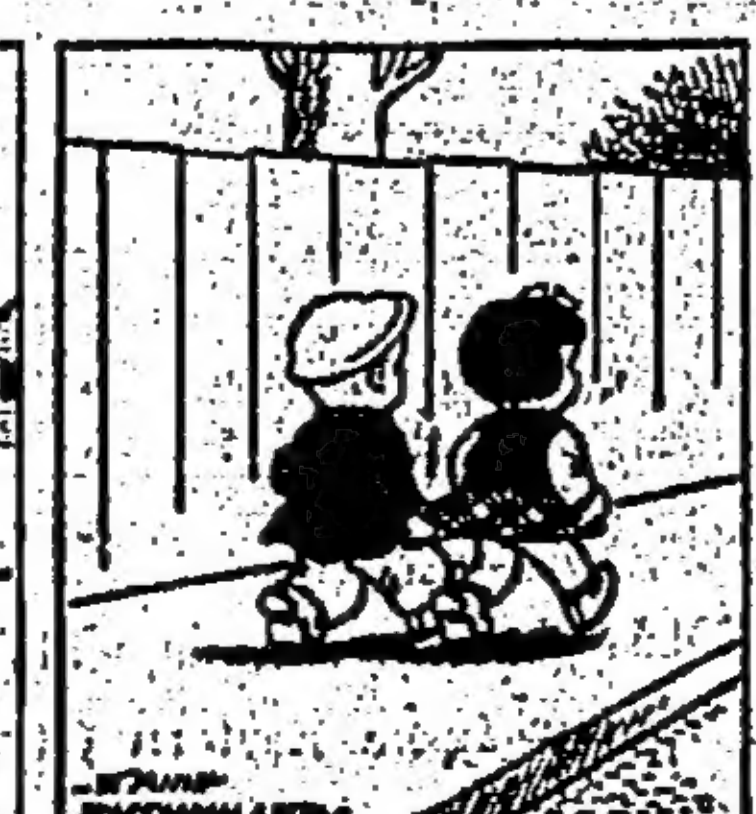
IT IS building a "perfectly fantastic loyalty to Stalin and the Communist Party."

IT IS stressing the importance of military preparation from nursery school to university.

IT HAS little to say about democracy—"the term is almost completely absent."

IT IS creating a religion on the foundations of materialism.

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East Coast Shipping Strike Worsens

New York, Nov. 15.—The East Coast shipping strike today tightened despite conciliation efforts by the City, State and Federal authorities. New York tugboat operators announced that they would continue to dock incoming ships, but that they would not move any ships seeking to leave for other ports.

French Couple Married At St Joseph's

St Joseph's Church was decorated with masses of pink and white flowers this morning when Mlle Genevieve Petit became the bride of M. Henri Lacaze. The Rev. Fr. R. C. Brookes, Vicar of St Joseph's, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mme Charles Petit, of 17-bis Rue Camille Desmoulins, Paris, and the late M. Charles Petit, Professor at the University of Paris and formerly literary correspondent in Paris of the London Morning Post. Her father was during World War I, an Officer attached to the Admiral of the British Fleet in Northern France, for which he was honoured with the Distinguished Service Cross.

The bridegroom, who is Manager of Denis Freres d'Indochine, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, French Indo-China, is the son of Mr Gaston Lacaze, of Chateau Lartieu, Arveyres (Gironde), and the late Mme G. Lacaze.

BRIDE'S DRESS

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Marc E. Petit, Manager of Cie. des Messageries Maritimes and Air France, wore a smart black woolen costume trimmed with black velvet and black buttons; a blouse of white crepe de chine delicately appliqued with white satin; and black felt hat, the off-the-face brim of which was faced with black velvet and trimmed with veils. She also wore black suede shoes and white suede gloves and carried a black suede handbag.

The witnesses at the ceremony were Messrs M. E. Petit and J. Schatz (for the bride) and Messrs M. Meneur and C. de Lestapis (for the bridegroom).

M. and Mme Lacaze will make their home in Indo-China (Phnom Penh) and will be going to France for a holiday in January 1950.

The reception was held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, and the honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay.

Observatory Spots Comet

The comet was seen from the Royal Observatory early this morning, being fairly clearly visible from 5 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. The tail, now brilliant full moon, is about 8 to 10 degrees long and points up and away from the eastern horizon.

At 5.30 a.m. its bearing was 130° 47' and its elevation 18° 22' that is, from the Observatory, it lay above Mount Parker at about three times the apparent height of that hill.

The comet has been following a course slightly south of west across the heavens. Three days ago it was reported 4° 4' east of the star Eos in the constellation of the Crow, while this morning it was 4° 19' west of this star. Thus its movement relative to the stars is about 2½ degrees in 24 hours.

Although the comet is weakening (it is now less than 3rd magnitude), provided the weather is clear it should be visible to the naked eye for about three or four more days. After that, the moon will probably set too late for the sky to darken sufficiently before sunrise.

HK Light Orchestra

The Hongkong Light Orchestra will give a concert at the China Club on Friday, at 9.15 p.m., in aid of the Earl Haig Fund. Seats will be \$5, \$4 and \$3.

The Orchestra will be supported by Joan Turville, Victor Orloff (violin), and Harold Woods and H. Hilbert (flute and clarinet duet), and conducted by William Apps.

There will be a dress rehearsal at the Cathedral Hall on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Duchess Arrested

Madrid, Nov. 15.—The Duchess of Valencia has been arrested on charges of taking a leading part in a demonstration at the funeral of Carlos Mendez, a young monarchist who died in prison on November 8, it was disclosed today.

The Duchess, who has been frequently in conflict with the Spanish authorities, was released from prison on June 17 because of ill-health, only two months after she had been sentenced to a year's detention in a reformatory camp.

Tear Gas Drives Back French Strikers



Jews Will Never Give Up Negev

Paris, Nov. 15.—Canada formally proposed to the Security Council today the establishment of a full-fledged armistice in Palestine as a prelude to a final Arab-Jewish peace settlement.

Mr Moshe Shertok, the Israeli Foreign Minister, told the United Nations today that the Jews would never give up Palestine's Negev desert and promised "bloody battles" against any one who would attempt to take it.

Opening the long delayed United Nations Political Committee debate of Palestine's future, he bluntly rejected the chief provision of the famous Bernadotte proposals for the Holy Land settlement.

Mr Shertok also appealed for early United Nations membership for the fledgling Jewish state and urged prompt action to push out of Palestine all the Arab armies which invaded the land last spring.

DEMANDS CONTROL

Mr Shertok spoke in the 58-nation Political Committee as the United Nations opened debate on the Palestine question.

He insisted that Israel must have control of the Jewish or the so-called City of Jerusalem in contrast to the Bernadotte proposal placing all the Holy City under international rule.

Mr Shertok rapped the Security Council for failing to stem Arab attacks in Palestine, complaining that the six months old truce in Palestine has actually crystallised and given a sort of respectability to the Arabs' war against the Jewish state.

He also attacked the Bernadotte proposal for making Haifa a free port and Lydda a free airport at the suggestion of the Arabs.

"UTTERLY GROTESQUE"

Mr Shertok said that the Jews want an Arab part of Palestine to be set up as an independent state. He said it would produce an "utterly grotesque" distribution of territory to give the Arabs sections to Trans-Jordan.

Mr Shertok endorsed the Bernadotte proposal for a United Nations Conciliation Commission provided it is empowered only to help the Arabs and Jews negotiate and not interfere in the Arab and Jewish administration of their countries.

"The United Nations here has a responsibility to discharge," Mr Shertok said.

"I should call upon the aggressors to end the war and negotiate peace. It should use its authoritative help for the achievement of this goal."

He said that there is one step the United Nations could and should take now in the interests of peace and justice, and that is to "admit Israel into the world."

SOVIET SUPPORT

In the Security Council, the Russian spokesman echoed Mr Shertok's demand for an early peace conference.

Mr Jacob A. Malik declared: "The Security Council has information according to which both parties would be favourable to an early peace settlement."

He did not elaborate the statement, but he pointed out at the Canadian armistice proposal and said that instead the Security Council should order "formal peace" in the Holy Land.

Mr Malik submitted formal amendments regarding peace instead of armistice because, he said, armistice would merely be a continuance of the present truce under another name.

El Hour, of Syria, complained to the Security Council that no action had been taken on certain documents submitted "concerning the smuggling of navy members of four destroyers now in the port of Tel Aviv and other strong weapons of war" to Israel.—United Press.

ARABS SHELLING

Jerusalem, Nov. 15.—There was more shelling from Arab troops and mortar fire towards Jewish positions in the Dier Abu Tor sector of Southern Jerusalem on Monday morning, according to an official Israeli source.

Jewish positions in the same area were fired on from Arab positions south of the demilitarised former Government House sector on Sunday night, the source added.

One Jewish soldier was reported wounded in the Mount Zion region south of the Arab-held old city.—Associated Press.

RELIEF SUPPLIES

Haifa, Nov. 15.—Nine thousand Jewish children and mothers and 1,000 Arab war refugees living in the Jewish part of Jerusalem will receive the first United Nations Children's Emergency Fund shipment today. Whole milk, dry skimmed milk, rice and egg liver oil will leave Haifa for Jerusalem today and will be distributed there under the supervision of Dr. Mubilerut, INICEF director in Israel and Dr. Frankenstein, assisting him on behalf of the Israeli government.—Associated Press.

4,000 Telegrams For Princess

London, Nov. 15.—The largest number of telegrams ever received at the Court Post Office in a single day—more than 4,000 of them—poured into Buckingham Palace, congratulating Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the birth of their son.

Special extra staff aided the regular workers at the Palace Post Office.

Sir William Gilliat, the gynaecologist who delivered the Prince, saw the Princess tonight. No further bulletin will be issued until tomorrow morning.

This is considered a firm indication that the Princess's condition is quite satisfactory and that everything is going entirely normally.

Double Celebration

London, Nov. 15.—When the King's Troops, Royal Horse Artillery, took their six guns into Hyde Park this afternoon and fired a Royal Salute to Serene Highness, No. 1 of the Royal Family, a double event. His wife gave birth to a daughter this morning.—Reuter.

Queen Mary drove to see her first great grandchild for the second time. She was shown up to the Royal nursery on the second floor of the Palace. Another earlier was six-year-old Prince William of Gloucester, who brought a small packet of red roses and a letter written in his own hand for his cousin, the Princess.

An issue Extraordinary of the Gazette, the official Court and Government publication, was published tonight, recording that "Her Royal Highness, the Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, was safely delivered of a Prince at Buckingham Palace" at fourteen minutes after nine o'clock last night.—Reuter.

Sandler's Estate

London, Nov. 15.—Mr. Abraham (Albert) Sandler, of Adelaide Close, Stanmore, the "Grand Hotel" violinist, who died on August 30, aged 42, left £20,480.

He left £100 to his Father, and £100 to J. Anne de Mery. The residue goes equally between his wife, Diana, Napier, and daughter Mona.—Reuter.

French miners attempt to retake the Villiers coal mine at St Etienne. As they throw stones at security troops who have occupied the mine properly to prevent sabotage, a tear gas bomb bursts in their midst.—AP Picture.

Clay Sees No Early End To Blockade

Frankfurt, Nov. 15.—General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor in Germany, indicated today that the Russian blockade of Berlin would probably run into the new year.

"I have no reason to believe that access to Berlin by road and rail will be gained by the end of this year," he said.

Asked whether the elections in the Western sectors of the city on December 5 would mean their final severance from the Eastern sector, General Clay declared: "It is a probability."

Questioned what further action would be taken by the American Military Government to reconcile the differences with the French over the plan for German trustees or the Ruhr, General Clay said: "As far as we are concerned, it is a settled matter. Further negotiations will have to be on a Governmental level if they have not already taken place."

HARVESTING DELAY

General Clay revealed that today's meeting with German Bizonal officials was largely occupied with discussion of the delay in harvesting the German grain crop.

I was understood that at the meeting he warned the German officials that unless the Bizonal area yielded its expected grain crop the authorities might seriously consider withholding dollar allocations for imports in the spring.

The American Military Governor, asked about a report that the United States Military Government planned to sponsor a rebirth of German shipyards, declared that American policy was only to utilise the four existing yards within the agreed limitations restricting manufacture to coastal and non-ocean going ships.—Reuter.

Govt Ministers Named

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The Attorney General added: "It is right to say, with regard to Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hall, that Sherman, on whose evidence this part of the case largely depends, says there was never any suggestion of money or other consideration for anything they might do."

ON OFFICIAL PLANE

"Mr. Hall's relations with Stanley seem to have been wholly on the official plane."

Francis Cecil Price, the first witness, said that "an amusement caterer told him that if £10,000 were paid a licence for the importation of machinery might be procured."

"It was to be held to a go-between and to Mr. Belcher and Mr. Glanville. Mr. Price said it was 'rather involved of a confidence trick' and he thought that it had 'nothing to do with Mr. Belcher or Mr. Hall.'"

Mr. Price said he spoke on the telephone to Lord Woolton, who told him it was a matter for the police. After Mr. Price said, he went to Scotland Yard by appointment and discussed the matter with the police.

The inquiry was then adjourned until tomorrow morning.

MARINE COURT CASES

The "clerk" master of a passenger sampan was fined \$100 or one month by Mr. Cyprian at the Marine Court this morning for conveying prostitutes.

The master of a Class A passenger sampan was fined \$30 or six days for carrying five excess passengers.

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Theory On Cause Of Wing On Godown Fire

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In the course of his evidence, Mr Terry explained that category 3, under the Dangerous Goods regulations, was substances which became dangerous by interaction with water or air. Calcium cyanamide came within this category and the godown contained about 50 tons of which there was a quantity of Category 4 were substances giving off an inflammable vapour 70 degrees below Fahrenheit. In this category came cellulose lacquer of which there were approximately 80 cases each containing six gallons.

Category 5 dealt with corrosive substances, for example, caustic soda of which there was about 200,000 lbs in the godown and phenol crystals of which there was a quantity of 18,000 lbs.

Category 6 included substances which gave off a poisonous gas or vapour. In this case aniline oil of which there was 3,000 gallons stored in the Wing On Godown No. 6.

Category 7 dealt with strong supporters of combustion, namely, sodium bichromate of which there was 13,000 lbs (approximately) in the godown.

Category 8 included substances which were normally sold to other firms and washed in a bath of soda or something of that kind which dissolved the gelatine emulsion and replaced the original celluloid base.

Describing some of the steel drums (which contained celluloid), he found in the Wing On Godown, the witness said that they were mostly second-hand cooking fat drums. Some were in very good condition and some heavily rusted.

The inquiry is continuing.

VIOLENCE IN THE SUDAN

Khartoum, Nov. 15.—Five people were killed at Abura and more than 30 injured when tear gas bombs were used by the police to disperse a mob on Sunday demonstrating against the Legislative Assembly elections which began yesterday.

Students from Gordon College were dispersed yesterday by the police when they began to demonstrate. Small demonstrations have occurred in other towns and railway employees at Bura and Port Sudan went on strike yesterday.

Polling, however, is proceeding smoothly and a large majority of the Sudanese welcome the elections.

The setting up of the Assembly is opposed by pro-Egyptian parties, the leader of one of which, the Ashigga Party, Mohammed Nur Eddin, went to Asmara to organise resistance.—Associated Press.

"NOT FOR THE THOMAS CUP," A SINGAPORE DANE SAYS

"MALAYANS WILL NOT BEAT DANES"

By KEN JALLEH

"For the last ten years, Denmark has ruled Europe as far as badminton is concerned. Her players have remained practically unbeaten. It is not likely that Malaya can beat Denmark if they should meet in the final of the Thomas Cup competition."

This is the considered opinion of a Danish resident of Singapore who, because he does not want to be drawn into any controversy, wishes to remain anonymous.

He is, however, well qualified to express an opinion as he has taken part in first-class matches in Denmark, and went as far as the singles quarter-finals in the Danish championship at Copenhagen in 1938.

"Badminton had assumed a national status in my country," he said.

"State-fostered and government-aided, promising players are given every facility for improvement. There are no many badminton halls in Denmark as there are football fields in Singapore, and knowing as far back as 1930 that there would be an international badminton tournament some day, the Danes have prepared themselves for such a tournament."

"Beyond Wong Peng Soon, and perhaps, Oot Teik Hee, whom I have not yet seen in action, I cannot mention any other player who is of the same class as Joern Skaarup or Preben Dabelsteen."

STROKE PLAYER

"Skaarup is a stroke player, strongest on the defensive. He has not as much speed, perhaps, as your Malayan players, but he makes up for it with a bagful of surprise shots."

"I consider Malaya to be weakest in doubles. In Singapore, I have watched the front and back court combinations of your best pairs. Such methods will never stand up to the side court combinations of even the English players, let alone Denmark's best."

"Skaarup and Dabelsteen, who according to a report by Ange Graubille from Copenhagen, may be Denmark's first doubles pair, have played together as long as I can remember."

"They have perfect understanding and balance, and every part of the court is covered with neat and quick precision."

He said that Singapore's other Thomas Cup player, Ong Poh Lim, would not have found a place in the Danish Thomas Cup team if he were a Dane.

"He has a smash but no strokes and his courtcraft leaves much to be desired. The Danes have a remarkable ability for retrieving almost impossible shots, and Poh Lim's quick smashes, if returned time and again, will put him off his balance."

"Last and not least, Danish players will have climatic conditions in their favour. That is something the 'Malayans' will find hard to conquer." — From the "Straits Times."

MALACCA TITLES

Malacca, Nov. 2.—Thrilling badminton was witnessed last night at the Stellar Hall, City Park, when Charlie Seow, Malacca's singles champion, retained his title for the second year in succession since the liberation.

Before the war Seow had been champion for many years. His opponent, Low Chye Guan, gave a good account of himself by forcing a this or that fight for the Ray Robinson-Stevie Deloche fight at Jersey City, N. J. on December 9.

He said he got a reply from promoter Jack Slinger of Buffalo, N.Y., releasing Robinson from the bout with Henry Brimm on November 13th. The Brimm fight had been set for January 12.

Also promoter George Kobb of Newark, N. J. consented to shift his Charlie Fusari-Rocco Roshano fight from December 9 to December 10 or later in order to prevent a conflict with the title bout.—United Press.

MIDDLEWEIGHT BOUTS

London, Nov. 16.—Jean Stock, French middleweight champion, will fight Vince Hawkins, former British middleweight champion in an eight round non-title bout in London on Nov. 22.

They will support a bill in which Tiberto Nitri of Italy fights Britain's Dick Turpin over 12 rounds. Nitri and Turpin are the middleweight champions of their countries.—Associated Press.

AUSTRIAN GOLDEN GLOVES

Vienna, Nov. 15.—Austria's young amateur pugilists will compete in the first golden glove tournament ever held in this country this winter, under the sponsorship of American military installations.

The tournament will be part of the Austrian Youth Activities programme and entrants will be accepted from Vienna and the American occupied zone of Austria.

Preliminaries will be held in Vienna, Salzburg and Linz, with the finals in Vienna.—Associated Press.

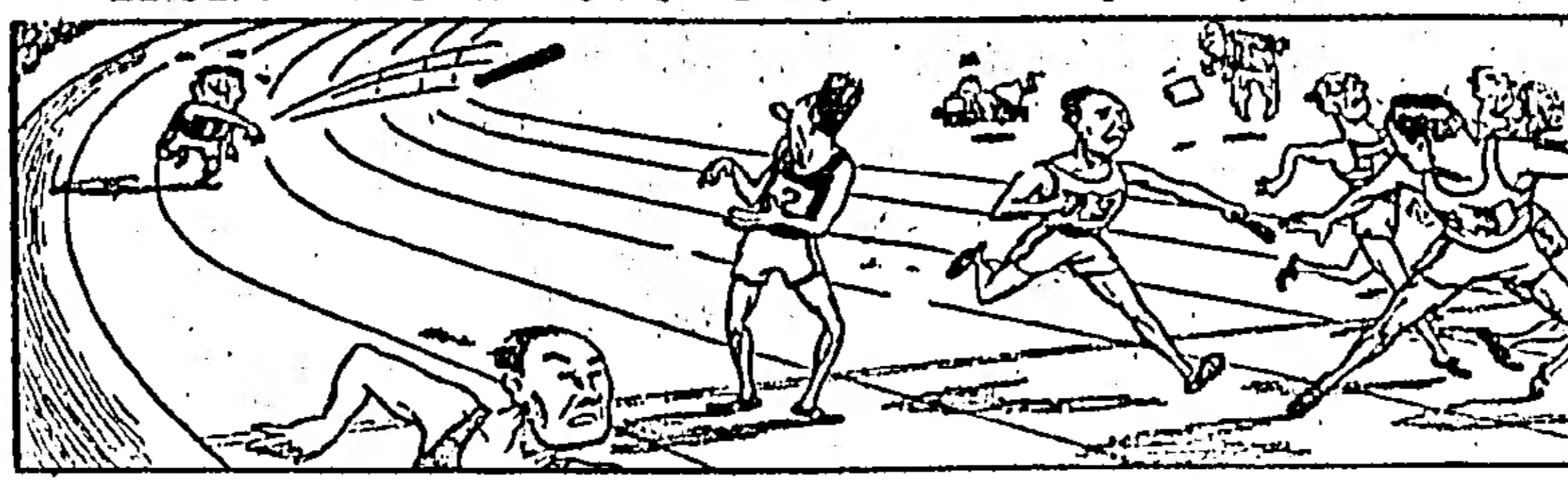
CONN'S COMEBACK

Macon, Ga., Nov. 14.—Blistered, older and more serious, Billy Conn goes into the ring tomorrow night in his first regular fight since he was knocked out by Joe Louis two years ago.

The 31-year-old Pittsburgh "kid" will meet Mike O'Dowd, 205-pound New Yorker, in the first of a series of exhibition bouts that reach the climax when Billy goes against Louis himself in a Chicago six-rounders.—United Press.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



British Olympic Sprint Star Does Not Want To Run Any More

Alastair McCorquodale, the Scottish sprinter and A.A.A. 220 yards champion, who has been awarded the C. N. Jackson Memorial Cup for the outstanding British athlete of the year, may not be seen on the track next season.

He said this after he had expressed his delight at being awarded the Cup, adding: "Athletics has become an intensive affair and I just cannot afford the time. I like my sport as a sport and not as a business."

McCorquodale was the "discovery" of last season and he ran brilliantly to take fourth place in the Olympic Games 100 metres final won by Harrison Dillard of the United States. He finished ahead of Mel Patton.

McCorquodale proved himself last season to be Britain's best post-war sprinter, a remarkable achievement for a man who was comparatively "unknown" before.

Nevertheless, McCorquodale, big built and strong, proved his prowess in many races and with a bit of luck, might have done even better in the Olympic 100 metres final.

He came second to John Treloar, the Australian, in the AAA 100 yards final and was a member of the British team which was awarded the Olympic 400 metres relay title on the disqualification of the United States—a decision which was subsequently reversed.

AAA AWARDS

Other annual awards announced by the Amateur Athletic Association are the Harvey Memorial Gold Cup which goes to competitors with the best performances in the AAA championships and the John Thornton Memorial Trophy for the best high hurdles performance in Britain.

The Harvey Cup will be held jointly by John Parlett, British winner of the AAA 880 yards race and the Australian, Morris Curditt, winner of the 440 yards event, while Bill Porter of the United States takes the Thornton Trophy by winning the Olympic Games 110 yards hurdles in the record time of 13.0 sec.

Of the thousands of people who saw the AAA half mile final few will forget the wonderful "last second" burst of Parlett.

Doug Harris of New Zealand and Arthur Wint of Jamaica, winner of the Olympic 400 metres, were fighting it out in the run in to the tape when Parlett thrust himself from the rest of the field and passed these two to win by two yards from Harris with Wint third in 1 min. 52.2 sec.

ARMY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

London, Nov. 15.—Major Neville Hooper has been seeded second in the Army squash rackets championship which started at the Lansdowne Club, London, today.

This achievement is remarkable as Major Hooper has not had much time for tennis and squash during the past nine years.

In 1932 he was runner-up in the Junior Wimbledon tournament. In 1938 he was ranked fifth among British squash players.

His career with Sussex County has been unusual: in 29 appearances he had been undefeated. He is now on demobilisation leave. Major Hooper is six feet four, plans to be a chartered accountant and is now busy working for his first examination.—Reuter.

Callover On The Manchester Heap

London, Nov. 15.—Twenty horses were backed for the Manchester November Handicap when the card was called over for the second time at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Scotch Comfort maintained his position as favourite but was easier to back, closing at 100 to 9 compared with 10 to 1 at the first callover last week.

Guerrero was made a clear second favourite at 100 to 7.

THE BETTING

The quotations were: 100 to 9 Scotch Comfort, 100 to 7 Guerrero, 100 to 6 Vasant, and Philadelphia II. 20 to 1 Star of Autumn and Sports Master, 10 to 1 Good Taste, Boltonian and Yoyo, 23 to 1 Solandra, 33 to 1 Always, Balancello, Mirian II, Highland Laddie, Raven Locks, White Heather, Crusaders Horn, Good Company, Locoeddie and Regret, 40 to 1 all others.—Reuter.

American Football

New York, Nov. 14.—In a college football game played today Santa Clara defeated St. Mary's 10-7. Detroit University defeated St. Louis University 27-14. Professional football scores to-day were: National League. Chicago Cardinals 24 Pittsburgh 7; Los Angeles 59 New York 37; Cleveland 34 Green Bay 14; Washington 40 Detroit 31. All America Conference. New York 21 Brooklyn 7; Cleveland 14 San Francisco 7; Los Angeles 27 Buffalo 20; Baltimore 38; Chicago 31.—Associated Press.

Draw For First Round Of FA Cup

London, Nov. 15.—The draw for the first round proper of the Football Association Cup was made in London today.

This is the time when the Third Division clubs in both Northern and Southern sections come into the competition, together with the survivors from the qualifying and preliminary rounds and those exempted teams, such as the Amateur Cup holders.

Today's draw resulted: Southampton v Horden; Tranmere Rovers v Darlington; Rochdale v Barrow; Gainsborough Trinity v Witton Albion;

Crewe Alexandra v Billingham Sythonia; Halifax Town v Scunthorpe; York City v Runcorn; Rhyl v Scarborough; Hull City v Accrington Stanley; Gateshead v Netherfield; New Brighton v Carlisle; Wrexham v Oldham; Bradford City v Doncaster Rovers; Hartlepool United v Chester; Workington or Lancaster City v Stockport County.

Barrow v Exeter City; Crystal Palace v Bristol City; Mansfield Town v Gloucester City; Yeovil v Romford; Kidderminster Harriers v Hereford United.

Southern United v Swansea Town; Ipswich v Aldershot; Peterborough United v Torquay United;

Weymouth v Chelmsford; Leytonstone v Watford; Norwich City v Wellington Town; Northampton Avenue v Cambridge Town;

Millwall v Tooling and Mitcham or Kingstonian; Darford v Leyton Orient; Walsall v Bristol Rovers; Colchester United v Reading; Northampton town v Dulwich Hamlet;

Notts County v Port Vale; Newport v Brighton and Hove.

ON NOV. 27

Matches will be played on November 27. Replays, if necessary, will take place a week later.

The draw, which was made on a geographical basis, has brought together League and non-League clubs in 15 of the 34 ties.

Colchester United, the non-League club, which surprised the football world by reaching the fifth round of last season's Cup competition before being knocked out by Blackpool, have the luck of a home tie in this draw.

Excused until this stage because of their fine performances last winter, Colchester are drawn to meet Reading, the Third Division Southern side.

Leytonstone, the winners of the FA Amateur Cup for the past two seasons, receive Watford, and Barrow, the beaten Amateur Cup finalists, entertain Exeter.

Of the teams in the limelight at the moment, Hull City have a home tie with Accrington. Notts County have the ground advantage against Port Vale and Swansea, the Southern section leaders, visit Southend.—Reuter.

Postponed Matches

The IFC Football League 1st Division match between Police and Army, arranged for November 20 at Boundary Street, has been postponed.

The Second Division League match between Police and Tramways will now be played on November 20 instead of November 21 at Boundary Street, Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

RUGGER RESULT

London, Nov. 15.—St. Barts Hospital beat Falmouth in a Rugby Union match today by three points to nil.—Reuter.

Club Rugger Team

The following will represent Club 1st XV "A" XI on the Club ground on Wednesday at 8.15 p.m.: 1st XV—F. Cawford, R. de Rome, D. Henderson, J. Franklin, R. Robinson, E. H. Henderson, D. G. Leach, J. V. Carroll, N. I. Moffatt, H. H. G. Fargate, E. Brown, T. Bowman, J. Small, A. Taylor, J. H. Warren.

"A" XV—J. Mackie, J. Tinson, Laidlaw, D. R. Black, D. Orchard, G. Gray, W. H. Williamson, K. Baker, Kinghorn, R. T. Johnston, Cowley, W. G. Minnie, W. C. Allwright, Fowden, C. Murray, Williams.

BASEBALL

"Red" Rolfe To Manage Tigers

Detroit, Nov. 15.—The Tigers' farm director, Robert "Red" Rolfe, was named today field manager of the Club. The General Manager, Bill Evans, announced that the former Yankee infielder would succeed Steve O'Neill, who was fired 10 days ago.

Rolfe said he had talks with other club officials about replacing O'Neill but he certainly was surprised to appreciate the confidence and appreciate this big opportunity.

"Most of what I know about baseball I learned from Joe McCarthy when I was with the Yankees. I'll probably emphasize hard work and speed the way he did."—United Press.

TAFT WRIGHT GOES TO ATHLETICS

Chicago, Nov. 15.—White Sox today sold Taft Wright to the Athletics for an unannounced sum.

In Philadelphia, manager Connie Mack said the acquisition provided the club with "a consistent longball hitter in places."

The 35-year-old Wright started with Washington Senators 10 years ago and had a batting average of .315 throughout his career.—United Press.

OPERATION ON DIMAGGIO

Baltimore, Nov. 15.—Joe DiMaggio was reported to be resting "satisfactorily" at Johns Hopkins Hospital after the removal of a bone spur from his right heel.

Dr. George E. Bennett, who performed the operation, said the Yankee star was in good condition.

Attendees at Johns Hopkins said they did not know how long DiMaggio would remain in hospital after the same time, the hospital announced that shortstop Phil Rizzuto had returned to New York over the weekend after Dr. Bennett decided there was no need to operate on a calcium deposit.—United Press.

WALLY MOSES RELEASED

Boston, Nov. 15.—Red Sox manager Joe McCarthy today announced the release of the 37-year-old outfielder, Wally Moses "to give him a chance to get set."—United Press.

Hockey Results

Club de Reccio maintained its unbeaten record in Hockey Association matches when it defeated Khalsa 1-0 at King's Park on Sunday.

The strong University team went down 3-2 to Civil Service. Other results were Dutch HC beat Dockyard RC 6-1 and Cable & Wireless beat YMCA 3-1.

The match between RAF and Army will be played at Sookunpo tomorrow, 4 p.m., and the match between Police and Navy at the Royal Naval Recreation Club, King's Park, at the same time.

HOW THEY STAND

Latest team standings are: P W D L F A Pts. Reccio 7 7 0 0 24 2 14. Khalsa 6 4 1 1 9 4 0. Civil Service 6 4 1 1 22 10 0. Dutch HC 7 4 3 1 14 11 0. Army 5 3 1 1 20 0 7. Navy 5 2 2 1 7 10 6. University 7 3 0 4 24 16 0. RAF 6 1 1 4 9 15 3. Police 6 1 0 3 3 12 2. Dockyard 6 1 0 5 8 29 2. C & W 7 1 0 6 5 27 2. YMCA 2 0 0 2 0 5 0.

LRC TENNIS

The following are the results of yesterday's tennis matches played at the Ladies Recreation Club: Colony Mixed Doubles—Tait Wai-pai and Mrs. Linton beat Ho Ka-lau and Mrs. Lee, 6-4 and 6-2.

Handicap Ladies Doubles—Mrs. Linton and Mrs. Standish beat Mrs. Dunnitt and Mrs. Campbell, 6-2 and 6-2.

Matches arranged for to-day are: Mrs. Dunnitt and Mrs. Standish v C. W. Lee and L. F. Stokes (Manufacturers' Life Insurance) v K. B. Baker and W. S. Slinger (FWD) v Messrs. Club Singles—J. Mackie v F. Alexander.

Mannion Likes Oldham

London, Nov. 15.—Will Mannion, the star footballer, has, according to his employer, Mr. Frank Armistage, decided not to leave Oldham.

Mr. Armistage said today: "I am empowered by Mannion to say that he has definitely turned down an offer by Everton and that he is not leaving Oldham, where he has a good job and a good home."

He added: "Mannion does not want to be playing away every weekend."

Asked whether this was a hint that Mannion would not join any other club than Oldham, Mr. Armistage declined to offer an opinion.—Reuter.

They Spoiled Derby County's Unbeaten Record In The 17th Match

NEWCASTLE UNITED

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AND THE CLUB IS STILL READY TO BUY WHATEVER FOR THE RIGHT PRICE

FRANK BRENNAN

NEWCASTLE PAID £15,000 TO CARDIFF FOR COLIN GREGG, £25,000 TO SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY FOR RAY BURNETT, AND £7,000 TO ABERDEEN FOR GUY WATSON

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FAR EASTERN GOLF TOURNEY

Outstanding golfers from Singapore are expected to be among the representatives of six Asian countries who will compete in the first Far Eastern Open Golf Tournament, scheduled to be held in Manila between Jan. 20 and Jan. 22.

Slam, Hong Kong, China, Australia and the Philippines also will have entries.

The tournament executive committee announced the entries for the 72-hole contest open on Nov. 15.

The tournament will be played on Wack Wack Golf and Country Club course.—Associated Press.

GOLF AT FANLING

Four New Records

The week-end at Fanling saw the competition for the Jasper Clark Cup and running concurrently with it the qualifying rounds for the Club Championship.

The Jasper Clark Cup was won by G. G. D. Carter with a total of 147. This was made up of 70 on the Old and 71 on the New and creates two new records, 147 being the lowest total that has ever won the Cup and 71 the record of the New course. Truly a very fine performance on which Mr. Carter is to be congratulated. D. S. Robb was runner-up with 156, followed by D. A. O. Davies and F. K. Wallace with 158.

Full results are given below as well as the draw for the Club Championship, the first two rounds of which are to be played on Sunday, November 28.

Individual prizes for the next best rounds on either course were won by J. J. Cowperthwaite with 79 on the Old and D. A. O. Davies with 70 on the New, the winner and runner-up of the Cup not being eligible for these prizes.

Jasper Clark Cup Results. Old Course New Course. G. G. D. Carter 70 71 147. D. S. Robb 79 77 156. D. A. O. Davies 71 78 149. F. K. Wallace 71 87 158. W. H. Brown 72 85 157. J. J. Cowperthwaite 79 79 158. R. C. Collins 83 79 162. N. A. Hay 84 84 168. C. H. T. Sten 88 78 166. W. O. Davies 84 84 168. K. H. Robertson 83 85 168. S. B. Gordon 82 82 164. A. E. Lissman 83 85 171. W. S. Gray 89 84 173. M. H. Tidy 89 84 173. P. M. Cotton 88 83 171. R. Ballantine 84 88 172. J. H. Brown 90 82 172. E. W. Sheehan 90 85 183. J. L. Pearce 88 86 184. J. H. Brown 92 88 180. Nil returns from four others.

The draw for the Club Championship resulted as follows: First Round—Gordon v Collins, Suen v Robb, Cowperthwaite v Tidy, Hay v K. S. Kinghorn, Hunter v D. A. O. Davies, W. O. Davies v Cotton, Carter v Brown, Lissman v Wallace.—Contributed.

NELSON v. COTTON

New York, Nov. 16.—The US golfer Byron Nelson, who has won every major golf title except the British open championship, indicated in New York yesterday that he may enter for the British open next year.

Though officially retired from first class golf to his Texas farm, Nelson said in an interview that he yearned for a little more activity on the links.

He told The Associated Press that he is willing to take on Henry Cotton, the current British open champion, in a 72-hole match on a British course.—Associated Press.

BIKE RACE

Brussels, Nov. 15.—Covering 3,110.040 kilometres in 144 hours, Kint and Van Steenderen, of Belgium, were easy winners of this year's Brussels six-day bicycle race, which ended here tonight.

Belgian teams also finished second and third.—Reuter.

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Coming Events In The Sports World

TODAY

Meetings—Annual Meeting of the Kennel Club, Hongkong Hotel, Roof Garden, 5.30 p.m.; Meeting of RCC Badminton Section, 6 p.m.

TOMORROW

Cricket—Malaya Services XI v. HKCC at Chater Road, 11 a.m. Hockey—Association Matches: RAF v. Army at Sookunpo; Police v. Navy at RMC Ground, King's Park (Killy-off at 4 p.m.).

Meetings—HKFA League Management Committee, HKFA Office, 6.15 p.m.; Soccer Referees' Subcommittee, HKFA Office, 8.45 p.m. Secretariat Club 1st XI v. Club 2nd XI at Happy Valley, 8.15 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cricket—Malaya Services XI v. Combined Services at Chater Road, 11 a.m. (First day of two-day match).

THREAT TO QUEUILLE GOVT.

Preparing For New Struggle

Paris, Nov. 15.—M. Henri Queuille's Government tonight braced itself for a new battle against both the Communists and the swelling forces of General Charles de Gaulle. The struggle would be both in Parliament and on the labour front.

The two Houses of Parliament will meet tomorrow afternoon at the National Assembly after a recess since September 29 and the new Council of Republic for the first time since the elections eight days ago that returned General Charles de Gaulle's Rally of the French People as by far the largest party.

General de Gaulle's tactics would be to obstruct all Government legislation to force the Cabinet to quit and call a general election in which he is confident of being swept back to power.

On the labour front, M. Queuille, the Prime Minister, faced the demands for higher wages for French workers from two of his own coalition parties, the Socialists and the Catholic Popular Republicans.

ON THE SIDELINES

On the sidelines, the Communists continued fighting to keep alive the seven-week-old nationwide coal strike and to formulate new demands that would keep France in a permanent state of labour turmoil. The Cabinet is due to meet tomorrow morning to decide among other things whether to authorise Minister of Interior M. Jules Moch to accept debate on the Rightist interpretation asking for proofs of the recent charges he made that the Communist Government had financed the Communist-led coal mine conflict.

The Prefect of Police planned a powerful police protection for both Houses of Parliament tomorrow.

Several truckloads of helmeted mobile guards again blocked off all approaches to M. Queuille's office at Hotel Matignon tonight and similar conditions were ordered for tomorrow.

Government sources claimed a continued improvement in the coal fields where the walkout today entered its seventh week. Coal production on Saturday reached a new high of 103,000 tons.

In the ports, the strike situation remained unchanged. Despite the seamen's strike, several ships left Marseilles today with requisitioned crews.—United Press.

WOMAN'S PLUCK REWARDED

Preston, Nov. 15.—In recognition of her plucky resistance to two armed men who raided her Post Office, Mrs. E. Hodgson, Sub-Postmistress at Kenmore Place Post Office Preston, has been commended by the Post Master General and given a cash reward. It was announced today.

While Mrs. Hodgson was alone in the Post Office one Saturday afternoon she was confronted by two men, one of whom threatened her with a revolver and said: "Hand over. Don't shout or I'll shoot." The other man jumped over the counter and pulled her to the floor and put his hand over her mouth to prevent her screaming.

Mrs. Hodgson struggled until she reached and pressed the alarm bell. As the bell rang one man snatched a bundle of bank notes and both men ran out of office.

Later, two men were arrested and convicted.—Reuter.

Joins Indian Union

New Delhi, Nov. 15.—The Maharajah of Kolhapur, ruler of the largest of the 18 States included in the former Deccan Agency, has agreed in principle to the merger of his State into the Indian Union. It was learned here today from a usually reliable source.

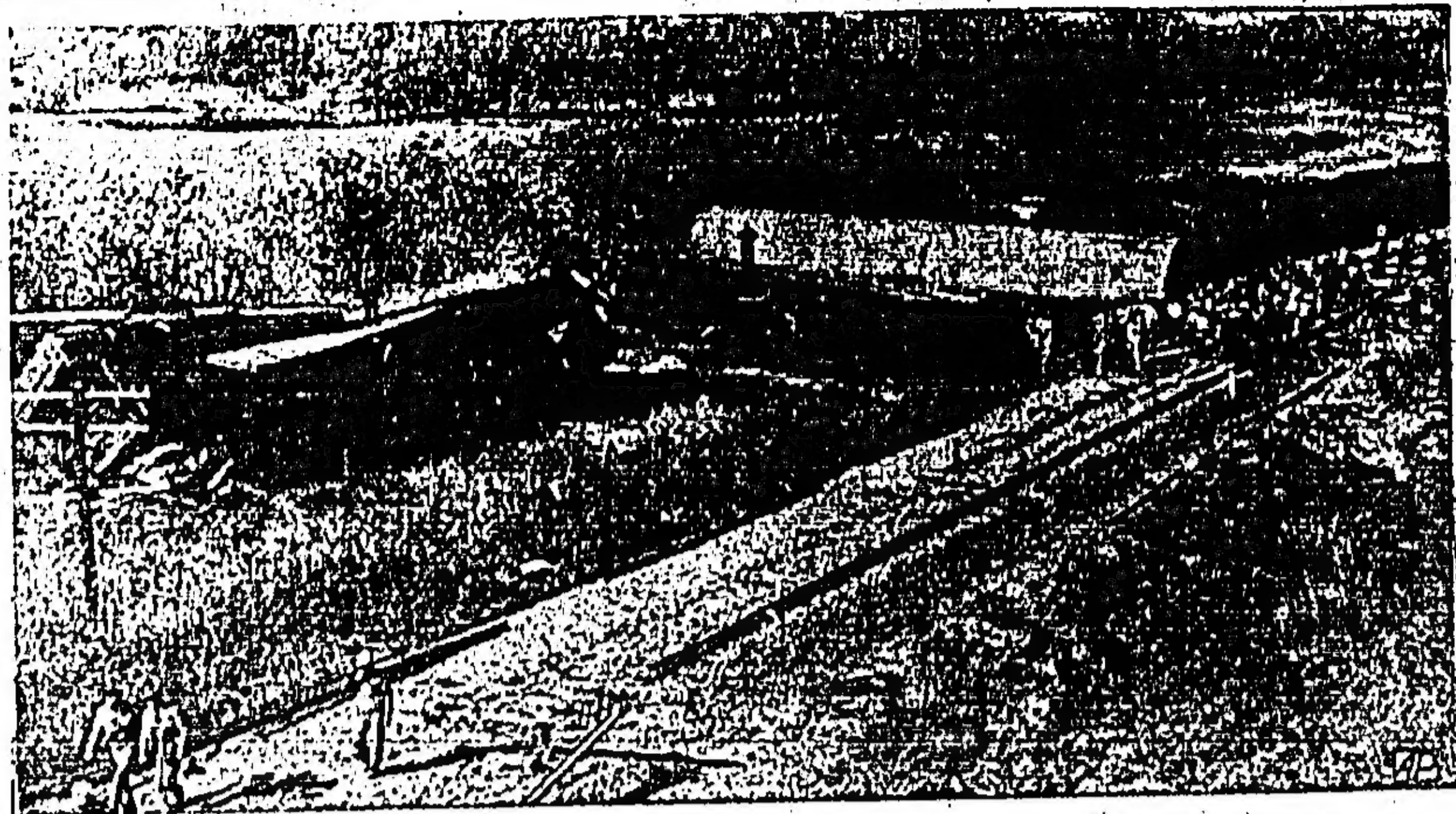
The other 17 States have already joined the Union. Kolhapur has an area of over 3,000 square miles, a population of more than a million and an annual revenue of nearly £400,000.—Reuter.

Faster Air Service

London, Nov. 15.—The introduction of Plymouth cars flying over the British Overseas Airways Corporation's Southampton to Karachi service will cut the journey time by over 12 hours, it was announced tonight.

The Plymouths will replace the five-class flying boats and will stop overnight only at Augusta and Alexandria. The Hydies have also had overnight stops at Marseilles and Bahrain.—Reuter.

The Santa Fe Wrecked



Several coaches lie on their sides along the ripped up right-of-way six miles east of Garden City, Kansas, after the Santa Fe's California Limited was wrecked. At left is a baggage car broken open by the impact as it left the rails. More than 23 persons were reported injured. Rescue workers mill around the coaches removing the injured.—AP Picture.

WANTS TO LIVE LIKE JAPANESE

American Advocate In Tojo War Crimes Trial

Tokyo, Nov. 15.—One of the American defence attorneys in the Hideki Tojo war crimes trial has applied for permission to remain in Japan and live like a Japanese so he can appeal against the verdict. He is Mr Alfred Brooks, of Kansas City, Missouri, who handled the defence for Gen. Kuniaki Koiso and Gen. Jiro Minami.

This far Mr Brooks has been on the American army payroll here as have been other American attorneys retained in Japan. Mr Brooks is defending Tojo and his co-accused. Now that the trial is over, Mr Brooks will be dropped from the army payroll and will be expected by officials to return to the United States.

Both of the men Mr Brooks defended were sentenced to life imprisonment.

Today Mr Brooks told the United Press he made an application to stay in Japan and "live on a yen basis."

DENIED PRIVILEGES

This would mean Mr Brooks would live like a Japanese without the privilege of buying American food, clothing and other supplies imported to Japan by the army for authorized occupation personnel.

The American attorney wants to remain here anyway possible so he can appeal against the verdict to the United Nations, the World Court and the United States Supreme Court. He said he was sure it would be prudent to appeal the Tokyo trial verdict to the United Nations Security Council.

He said his intended appeal to the World Court would challenge the right of a "minor group" of natives to evolve precedents that would serve as a basis for international law.

Mr Brooks said he hoped to appeal to the United States Supreme Court to challenge the right of detention of legislative powers to the Tokyo tribunal.

It permitted to remain in Japan, Mr Brooks said he will "live with friends of the accused."

As far as it is known, Mr Brooks is the only American attorney on behalf of Japanese war criminals intending to carry an appeal beyond Gen Douglas MacArthur to whom the defence for all 25 defendants sentenced will submit petitions for mitigation by Friday.

FACTUAL ERRORS

Mr Brooks said in his appeal to Gen. MacArthur he would cite alleged factual errors in the judgement, a charge that the United States, in effect, did two votes on the bench since the judges ruled that the Philippines were part of the United States at the time the crimes were alleged to have been committed and his contention that the small group of nations represented on the tribunal was not qualified to set important precedents for the development of international law.

Petitions to Gen. MacArthur must be handed in by Friday, but in queries with a dozen American attorneys today indicated none has submitted any document yet.

Mr Owen Cunningham, attorney for Lt. Gen. Hiroshi Oshima, former Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, pointed out his client was the only Ambassador to Rome, Toshio Shiratori, to be condemned on one count.

This count, the first in the indictment, alleged the defendants were leaders of a "common plan or conspiracy" seeking Japan's military, political and economic domination of East Asia.

ONLY A MISDEMEANOR

Mr Cunningham said his position to Gen. MacArthur would state that "conspiracy" is only a misdemeanor in the United States and it would be unfair to imprison Oshima for life on such a conviction, that the meaning of count one is "vague and uncertain" and that it would be difficult to determine whether any person acting for such a purpose was motivated by patriotism or by criminal intention.

Defendant Shiratori also was sentenced to life imprisonment. Mr Bruce Blakeney, attorney for former Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo, who was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, and Gen. Yoshijiro Umezu, who was sentenced to life imprisonment, also was under-

stood to be working on petitions for both his clients to be submitted to Gen. MacArthur. It was understood that Mr George Blewett, attorney for Tojo, would submit a petition to Gen. MacArthur referring to various legal aspects of the trial and not specifically to the death sentence imposed on his client.

Mr F. J. Matlock, attorney for Gen. Iwane Matsu, sentenced to death for responsibility for the rape of Nanjing, and Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, said he was planning petitions for both men but had not completed the documents yet.—United Press.

CARS COLLIDE HEAD-ON

Manila, Nov. 15.—The Senate President, Mr Jose Avelino, his wife and two children, were involved in a head-on collision of two motor cars early this morning near the Avelino residence in Quezon City.

Senator and Mrs Avelino were rushed to Santo Tomas University Hospital, where they are now confined. The 58-year-old Senate President suffered a broken right leg and complained of a pain in the left side, but did not seem badly hurt. Mrs Avelino had a deep cut in her forehead.

Of the six others injured—occupants of the other car—three young men were reported to be in a serious condition. The other three, including two girls, suffered minor injuries.—United Press.

Hopes To Be Home For Christmas

Anchorage, Alaska, November 15.—Mrs Richard Morrow left today took off at 3:10 p.m. GMT on a 500-mile flight to Whitehorse in the Yukon territory. Continuing her round the world flight Mrs Morrow said she hoped to be home in time for Christmas.—United Press.

CANADA'S NEW PM

Ottawa, Canada, Nov. 15.—The formalities of changing Prime Minister were completed today as W. L. Mackenzie King submitted his resignation and Louis St Laurent was directed to form a new government.—United Press.

THREAT TO GUATEMALA IS DENIED

London, Nov. 15.—Allegations—made in Paris today—that Britain was "threatening Guatemala's sovereignty" by sending troop reinforcements from warships in British Honduras, were denied tonight in official quarters in London.

A statement issued in the French capital by Dr Enrique Munoz Meny, the Guatemalan Foreign Minister, said: "News received from Guatemala informs us once again that British warships have arrived at our shores and that important military disembarkations in Belize are in progress."

"This constitutes a new threat to the sovereignty of Guatemala."

An Admiralty spokesman said in London tonight a visit to Belize by a cruiser and a destroyer from November 5 to 9 was included in the programme for the Home Fleet's autumn cruise.

London official quarters believed it was this routine call to which Dr Meny was referring. They denied that any British troops disembarked during the visit.

Dr Meny's statement today said the British Government rejected the Guatemalan proposal that the United States should act as mediator in the controversy over Belize (British Honduras).

The statement added: "The Government of the United Kingdom, with its absolute rejection, has given proof of the weakness of its rights." By means of the good services of a great and friendly nation, such as the United States, it would have been possible to arrive at an arrangement satisfactory to the Governments of Guatemala and the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

PRELATE OFF TO GERMANY

London, Nov. 15.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, will pay a 12-day visit to the British zone of Germany to meet leading German churchmen, members of the British Control Commission and the armed forces, it was announced today.

Dr Fisher will fly to Germany on Friday and visit Berlin, Dusseldorf, Hanover, Hamburg, Kiel and other large British zone cities.—Associated Press.

Hongkong Present At ILO Conference

LABOUR INSPECTION IN THE ASIAN COUNTRIES

Kandy, Nov. 15.—The International Labour Organisation conference on labour inspection in Asian countries opened here today. Thirty-seven delegates from fourteen countries were present in the Hall Room of Queen's Hotel, Kandy, when Dr S. Wou, deputising for the Director-General, opened the proceedings.

After the Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr D. S. Senanayake, and the Mayor of Kandy, Mr A. C. Ratwatte, had welcomed the delegates, Mr T. B. Jayah, Ceylon's Minister for Labour and Social Services, was elected chairman on the proposal of M. Chaillo (France).

Mr E. Mohamed Khan (Afghanistan) was elected Vice-Chairman on the proposal of the Netherlands' delegate, Mr H. J. Vanderveer, and M. Chaillo was elected Second Vice-Chairman on the proposal of Mr McCall (Australia).

Mr D. S. Senanayake, making his first public appearance since his return from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London, said it gave him great pleasure to be able to speak at a gathering today as the first Prime Minister of the youngest member of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Stating that this year had seen the birth of four nations in Asia—India, Burma, Pakistan and Ceylon—he added that one of the first acts of international importance of these nations was to apply for membership of the International Labour Organisation.

PEASANTRY PROBLEMS

Mr Senanayake said he was glad to note that the problems of the peasantry in Asia was engaging the attention of the International Labour Organisation. Apart from submitting reports action was necessary towards improving the conditions of agricultural workers.

Delegates from the United Kingdom, Hongkong, the Netherlands East Indies, Australia, United States, Singapore, France, French Indo-China, Vietnam, French India, New Hebrides, India, Afghanistan, Ceylon and Burma attended today's inaugural session.

The Director-General of the International Labour Organisation, Office, David A. Morse, in a message to the chairman of the conference said it was the first technical conference of its kind to be held in the Far Eastern region.

It would be followed by similar regional meetings of experts to consider practical social and labour problems of common interest and to determine the scope of some of the urgent operational tasks to be undertaken in Asian countries and decide on the means of getting such tasks under way.

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The Kitchen Front

Tasty Veal Pie For Dinner

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"THAT'S a fine knuckle of veal you bought, Chef. It ought to be good for at least two meals."

"We can have some nice veal scalloped for lunch from a few thin slices," he suggested. "And I will use the bones in making some white soup stock."

"And let's have a good old-fashioned veal pie for tomorrow's dinner."

"In France we make a veal pie from the chopped cooked, or left-over veal," added the Chef. "We add a little minced onion and some parsley, a few soft bread crumbs, some chopped mushrooms, an egg, and gravy to make moist. We line a shallow casserole with fine French paste dough, and put in the veal. Then we cover with the pastry and bake."

Left-Over Veal

"I'd like that very much, some time when we have some left-over cooked veal. But you, know Chef, American old-fashioned veal pie, is made differently. We start with raw veal, which we cut in bite-sized pieces, roll in flour and brown in fat. Then we add some well-seasoned soup stock, the vegetables, and a little thyme for seasoning. We let this simmer about 5 min. This goes in a big baking dish; then we cover it with piecrust dough, slash it twice with a sharp knife and bake as usual."

"What vegetables do you use in your veal pie, Madame?"
"This varies with the season. In winter, we'd use turnip or carrots, onions, celery and potato. In spring I like young onions, peas or asparagus cut in small pieces and potato. The vegetables add flavour and make the veal go much farther."

Heads of Lettuce

"That is a good point for the sake of the budget," commented the Chef. "And I have also bought something else for the budget, three large heads of lettuce. It is now a good season for lettuce and it is very reasonable. What do you say to a nice deep platter of braised lettuce, garnished with braised carrots rolled in mint, as an accompaniment to the old-fashioned veal pie?"

"Perfect," I approved. "For a starter, let's have beet apple salad, that's nice and poppy—served with my new Devonshire-style dressing. What's that?" asked the Chef. "Is it another kind of Worcester-shire?"

"No it's a surprise."

"So I suppose I'll have to read your column to find out," he chuckled. "I also bought in the market some tapoca, really a bargain in price."

"Fine, we'll make tapoca. And I'm going to ask you to serve it in sherbet glasses with your very best orange whip sauce."

"Stand by for a real money-saving budget bargain dinner," announced the Chef, lying on his apron.

And I bet it's going to taste like a million.

Dinner

Beet Apple Salad Dark Bread
Old-Fashioned Veal Pie
Braised Lettuce with Carrots
Tapoca
Orange Whip Sauce
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Beet Apple Salad

Add 1 tsp. unflavoured granulated gelatin to $\frac{1}{4}$ c. cold water and $\frac{1}{4}$ c. vinegar drained from pickled beets. Let stand 5 min., dissolve over steam. Stir in $\frac{1}{4}$ c. boiling water, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt and 2 tsp. sugar. Chill until beginning to thicken. Then add $\frac{1}{2}$ c. fine diced celery, $\frac{1}{4}$ c. fine chopped raw cabbage and $\frac{1}{4}$ c. chopped pickled beets. Rinse in individual moulds with cold water; fill with the mixture and chill until firm, about 4 hrs. Unmould in nests of shredded lettuce and serve with Devonshire style dressing.

Devonshire-Style Dressing

Combine 2 tsp. cheese, 2 tsp. salad dressing and 2 tsp. soured milk. Add salt to taste.

Old-Fashioned Veal Pie

From a knuckle of veal, take enough meat to make, 4 c. when cut in inch dice. Roll in $\frac{1}{4}$ c. flour; then brown lightly all over in 3 tsp. bacon or saffron fat. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. thyme. Pour in 3 c. well-seasoned soup stock, or use 3 c. water and 3 bouillon cubes. Add 2 c. diced potato, 12 whole scallions with 1 in. of the green tops left on each, and $\frac{1}{4}$ c. string beans broken into inch lengths. Bring to boiling point and simmer 5 min. Meantime make a recipe for piecrust dough, or use a prepared mix. Roll to a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in thickness. Pour the boiling mixture into a deep baking dish; cover with the pie pastry, pressing it well down over the sides of the dish to seal in the juices and flavour. Bake in a slow to moderate oven, 325 to 350 F., for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

Braised Lettuce and Carrots

Scrape 4 medium-sized carrots and cut in quarters. In a heavy medium-sized stew pan, melt 1 tsp. butter or margarine. Add 1 tsp. minced onion and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. sugar. Slow-try until the onion begins to turn colour. Then add the carrots and $\frac{1}{2}$ c. boiling water. Sprinkle over $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. fine-powdered dried mint. Cover and simmer about 12 min. Then wash and quarter a medium-sized head of lettuce; dust with $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt. Place on top of

the carrots; cover closely, and simmer until the lettuce wilts, but still holds its shape, about 5 min. Serve with the lettuce in centre of the platter, the carrots around the edge, and the juice poured over.

Tapoca

Stir in $\frac{1}{4}$ c. quick cooking tapoca to boiling water and the grated rind of 1 lemon; boil, stirring occasionally, until the tapoca looks clear, about 10 min. Then add 2 tsp. lemon juice, taste, and if necessary, add a little granulated sugar. Stir-whip one egg white and fold the tapoca into it. Chill, and serve in sherbet glasses with orange whip sauce, soft custard or top cream.

Trick Of The Chef

To dress up the veal pie, use marble-potato balls in it. If you do not have a French cutter to shape them, use the half teaspoon size of a set of measuring spoon to scoop out the little balls.

Just Right For The Office Girl



By VERA WINSTON

HERE IS a happy example of the well-bred casual look in clothes, most functional, yet properly decorative. The skirt is of gray flannel, is gored, and has all pockets at the hips and stitching on the seams. Over the simple white crepe shirt is worn a dark brown corduroy waist-length jacket bound with braid. A cummerbund of the corduroy hooks at one side. A belt of corduroy tops this neat rig, one that would be especially nice for a college or career girl.

Caring For The Child After Infantile Paralysis

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE after-care of the child who has had infantile paralysis is just as important as that which he receives during the acute stage of the disease. Whatever damage is done in the way of paralysis is accomplished at this time, but its true extent may not be apparent until much later on, long after the pain and fever have subsided.

Thus, the care that the child receives after he leaves the hospital can do much to aid recovery in those instances in which paralysis develops. In fact, muscle power may be regained up to 18 months after paralysis has occurred.

Particularly important are the attitude of the parents towards the child with paralysis and the control of his activities.

The physician makes a careful estimate of the amount of incapacity and outlines just what type of activities may be expected. The physical recreations must be controlled and no more expected of the child than he is capable of carrying out. On the other hand, the child's confidence can be maintained by having him take part in games in which balance is controlled by

muscles other than those which are paralyzed.

If the child has some paralysis of the legs, he still may take part in diving, in which poise in the air is held by the trunk and neck muscles.

Bicycling can be carried out by a child who has paralysis of one leg or often partial paralysis of both legs.

If there is some weakness of the shoulder muscles, it is still possible to play golf. In such cases, the muscular power is secured from the wrist and forearms.

It is suggested that the best time for a child to learn to swim is between the ages of six and seven years, but often, four-year-old children can be taught to swim although their legs are partially paralyzed.

Of course, it is necessary for many of these children to use splints or so-called walking-irons at times. Such a walking iron may be unobjectionable around the house, but in the child, goes to school and is with other children. Such a procedure is often helpful in keeping the child from feeling too different from his playmates.

How You Can Have A Lovely Neck



Neck posture is important. So hold up your head!

By LOIS LEEDS

THE posture of the head has so much to do with youthfulness of the throat. Look at yourself in the mirror. No, don't preen yourself—just as you are! Head drooping forward? Shoulders slumped? See how dull and uninteresting you look! If you are a bit overweight your neck looks thick; if too thin your neck looks too weak to support your head! So you don't like it! All right, here is what you can do to improve that neck.

Your posture must be changed—and at once! Hold your head up "tall"—up, up! S-t-r-e-t-c-h! Make yourself feel that there is a ribbon holding your head high. Shoulders up and back, chest lifted. Now look into your mirror. See the difference? If you allow yourself to slump then you are just not interested in looking any better and you probably won't even read this. But those of you who are interested will read—and get results.

Now, while the skin is warm and moist, spray the throat and chest with astringent. Use an atomiser for a more stimulating effect. Blot dry, then apply some throat cream. Use the richest blend that you can buy. Stretch the head "tall" while working on the throat. Now mould the cream into the skin. Cover with a warm, damp turkish towel. Leave on for five minutes. Remove and spray the throat and chest with cold water. Then apply your make-up cream or liquid powder on the throat.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Blinky Mole's Winter Guests

—They All Ate Different Kinds of Food—

By MAX TRELL

BLINKIE Mole said to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "I have plenty of room in my house, more room than I can use myself. So if you know anyone who needs some place to stay in over the winter, ask him to come here."

"That's very nice of you," said Hanid.

Blinky Mole smiled. He was standing at the back door of his house, which was just under the stump of the old apple tree, at the end of the garden. Blinky's house wasn't like other houses; it was all underground. But it was very pleasant for all that, with fine big rooms and long corridors (though you might have called them tunnels), and comfortable furniture made of the roots of the old apple tree stump.

Has a Question

"There is only one thing I'd like to ask," Blinky Mole added. "I wish you'd tell me, as soon as you can, just who's coming, so that I can be sure to have the right kind of food for everybody who comes. Different people eat different kinds of foods. I want to be sure to have just what everybody likes."

Knarf and Hanid promised to tell him as soon as they knew. A few minutes later, Knarf and Hanid were climbing over the garden wall to tell everyone he could spend the winter in Blinky Mole's house.

After about an hour they returned to Blinky's place. They found him sitting in his parlour, waiting for them.

"Well," he said, "who's coming?"

"Some grasshoppers," said Knarf. Blinky nodded. "Very good. A few corn leaves and clover, with a little lettuce will be just what they like."

"We also told some crickets. They're coming too," said Hanid. "They like lettuce, too," said Blinky, "and also apples, pears, and peaches. Who else is coming?"

"A Katydid," said Knarf, "and also a Katydid."

Blinky laughed. "Katydid and Katydids are very fond of fresh leaves—oak tree leaves, cherry tree leaves and apple tree leaves. I won't have any trouble finding those."

Asked Some Bees

"We also asked some bees," said Hanid. "They promised to be very quiet and not harm or sting anybody."

"All they need is honey," said Blinky. "The last one we asked was Willy Toad," said Knarf.



Blinky Mole was standing at his back door.

"Oh," said Blinky, "did he say he was coming?"

Knarf and Hanid both nodded. At this, Blinky suddenly looked very worried.

"Why? What's the matter?" asked Hanid. "Didn't you want Willy to come?"

"It isn't that," said Blinky. "I like Willy very much. But where can I get him flies to eat all through the winter?"

"We told him about that," said Knarf. "But he said not to worry. He said he was coming with a friend. He said his friend would catch plenty of flies for him."

But neither Knarf nor Hanid knew who Willy's friend was.

A short time later all the winter visitors arrived with their clothes in tiny suitcases. Blinky greeted them and put them in their rooms, and finally, just before dark, along came Willy, carrying a heavy satchel and a big paper bag.

"My friend's in here," he said, holding up the bag. "She doesn't want to stay in a room. She'll live right in the doorway. She's the one who's going to catch all my flies."

Then he opened the bag and out came a spider. Blinky was delighted. Now he had company for the whole long winter—and food enough for all.

"I like the idea of Mrs Spider living in my open front door," said Blinky Mole. "As soon as she spins a web, it will be like a screen door to keep all the draughts out."



Rupert & Mr Panch—45

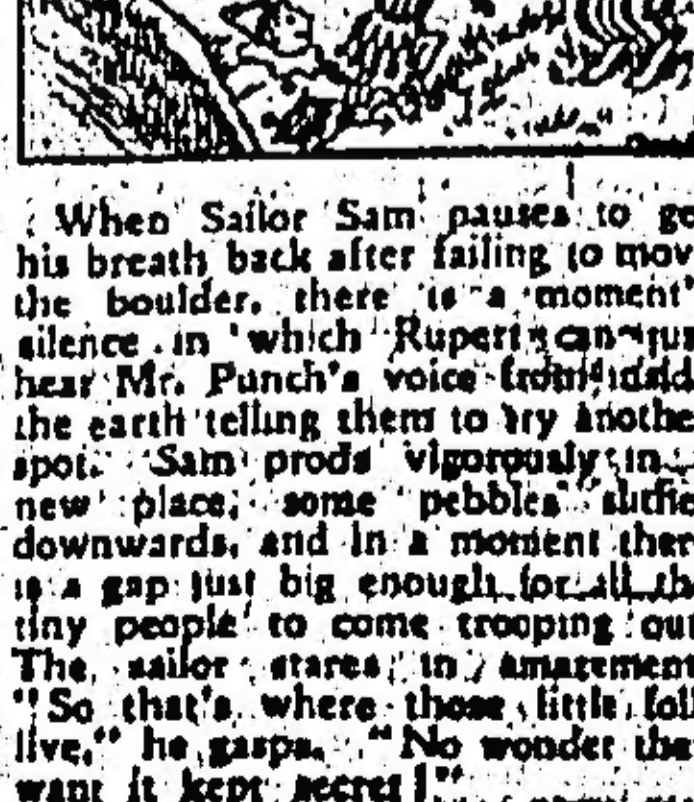
When Sailor Sam pauses to get his breath back after failing to move the boulder, there is a moment's silence in which Rupert can just hear Mr. Panch's voice (loudly) telling the earth telling them to try another spot. Sam prods vigorously in a new place; some pebbles start downwards, and in a moment there is a gap just big enough for all the tiny people to come trooping out. The sailor stares in amazement. "So that's where these little folk live," he gasps. "No wonder they want it kept secret!"

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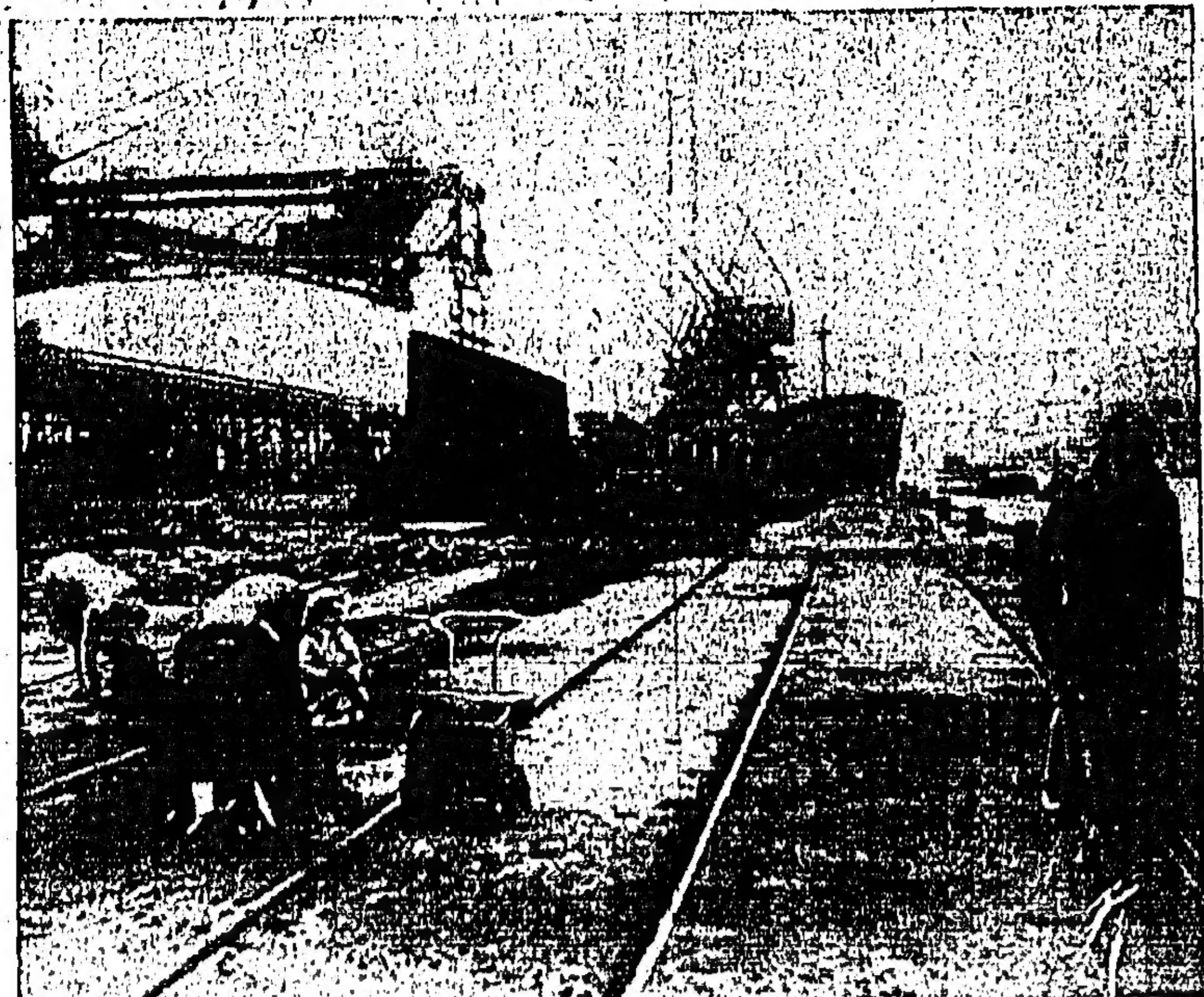
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One-Man Posse

By Fred Harman



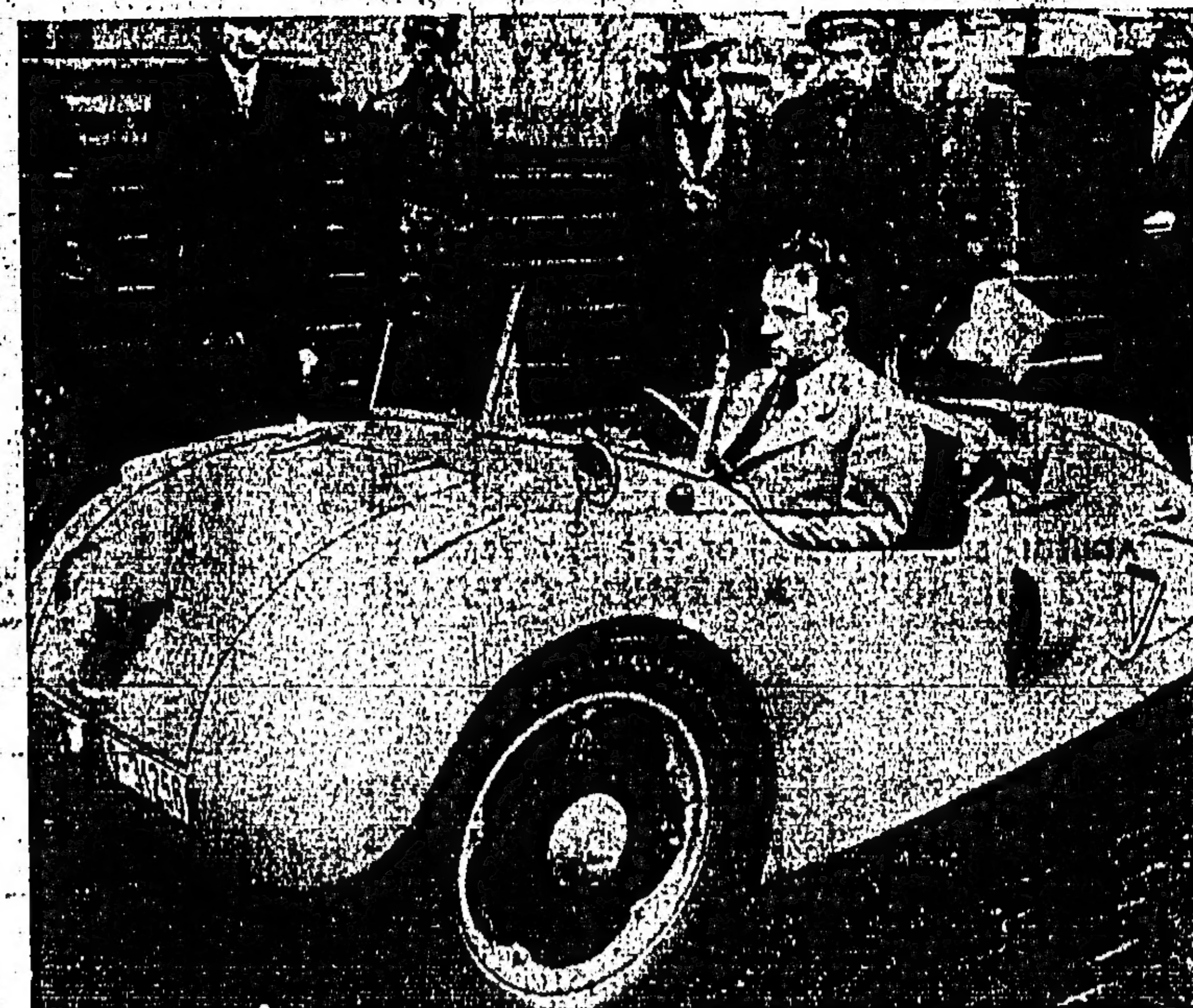
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



DESERTED—Except for a few persons picking up bits of coal for their own hearths, the coal docks at Rouen, France, are deserted after the General Confederation of Labour appealed to dock workers to support the coal strike. Union leaders urged dock workers to refuse to unload ships bringing coal from abroad to France.



LOT OF BAGGAGE—Airline representative Susanne Rudinger sits on top of a mass of luggage which the Maharajah of Indore and party took back to Pakistan when they left New York. Assigned to check the load, Susanne found that the company had to charge US\$4000.80 in excess baggage charges.



CZECH CAR—Czechs are holding a contest to find a low-consumption, cheap car within the means of the average worker. This light-weight auto, exhibited in Prague, is driven by a two-cylinder engine located in the rear of the car. Maximum speed is 50 miles per hour, and it travels 63 miles to the gallon. It was designed by a Prague clerk in his spare time.



REDISCOVERED TREASURE—This Italian peasant, left, looks on in amazement as an inspector from the Ministry of Culture in Rome points out to him the valuable find the boy made while digging in the field. He turned up mosaics which date back to the second century, A.D., believed to be the floor of a rich Roman's villa in early times.



NEWEST NOVELTY—Detachable suspenders with pockets are featured on these white slacks modelled on Miami Beach. A short-sleeved dark blouse, white star buttons and arrow head neckline add interest.



SEEKING SHELTER—Although the man at the left seems unconcerned as an air raid siren sounds in mid-town Tel-Aviv, the woman and children appear to take the siren warning more seriously. During recent fighting in the Negev, Egyptian planes occasionally bombed the present Israeli capital. New fighting has since broken out in Northern Palestine between Israeli troops and forces of the Arab Army of Liberation.

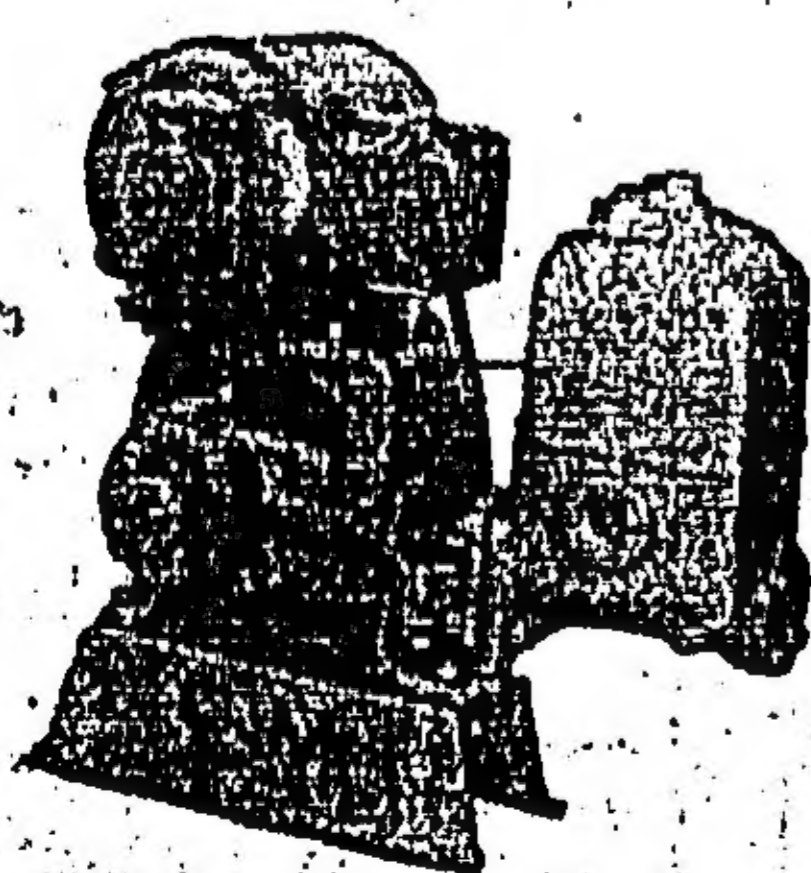


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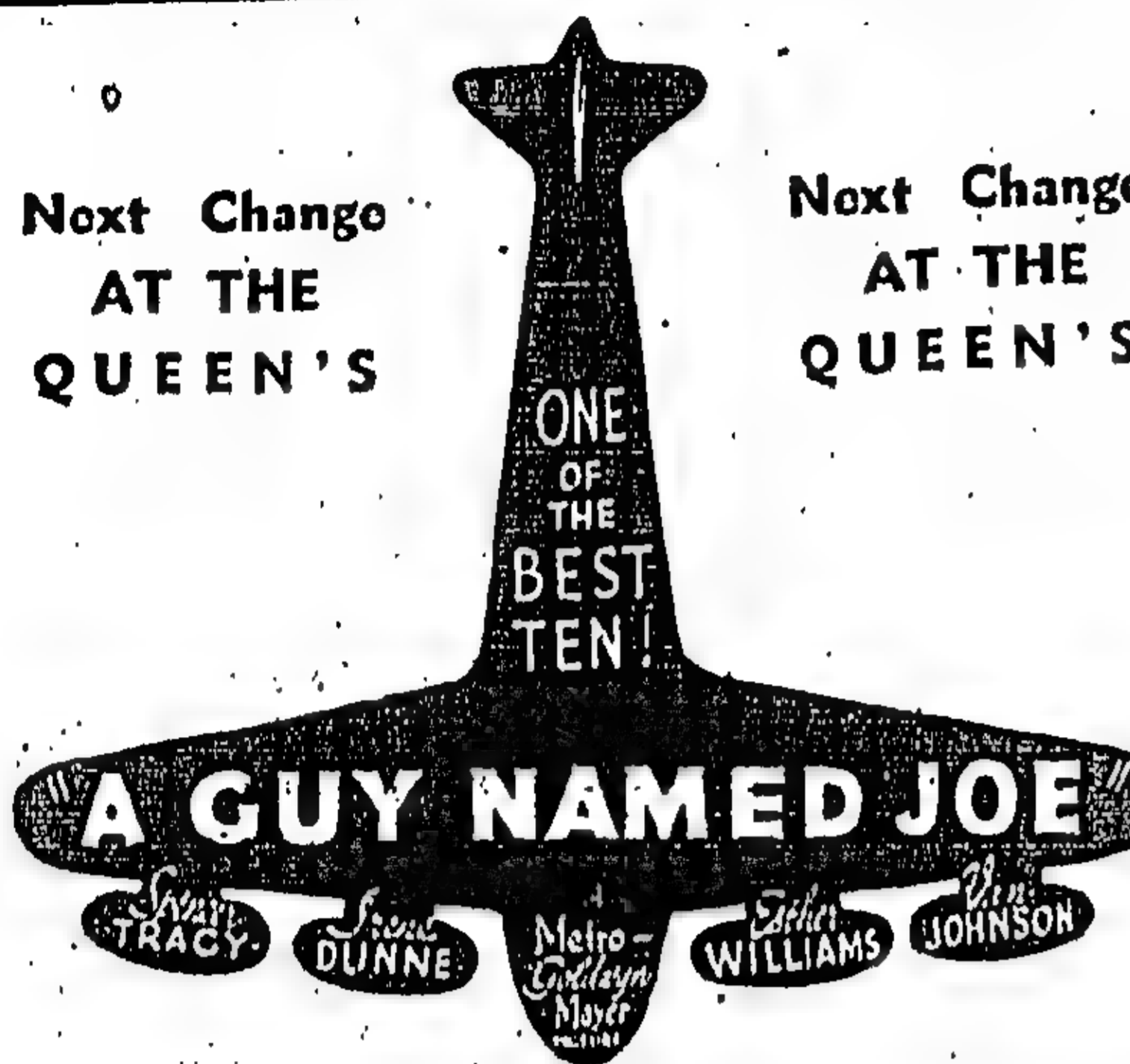
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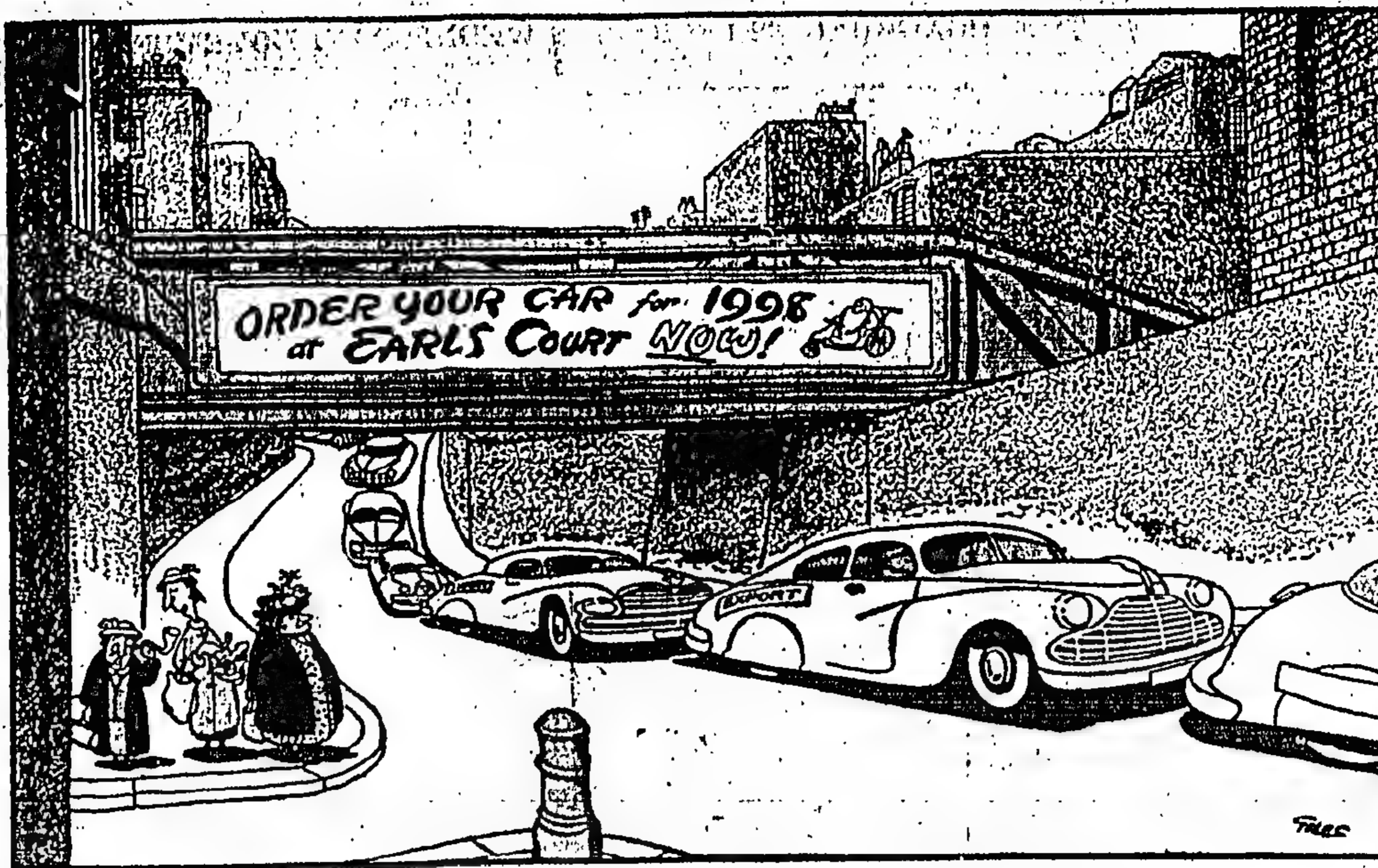
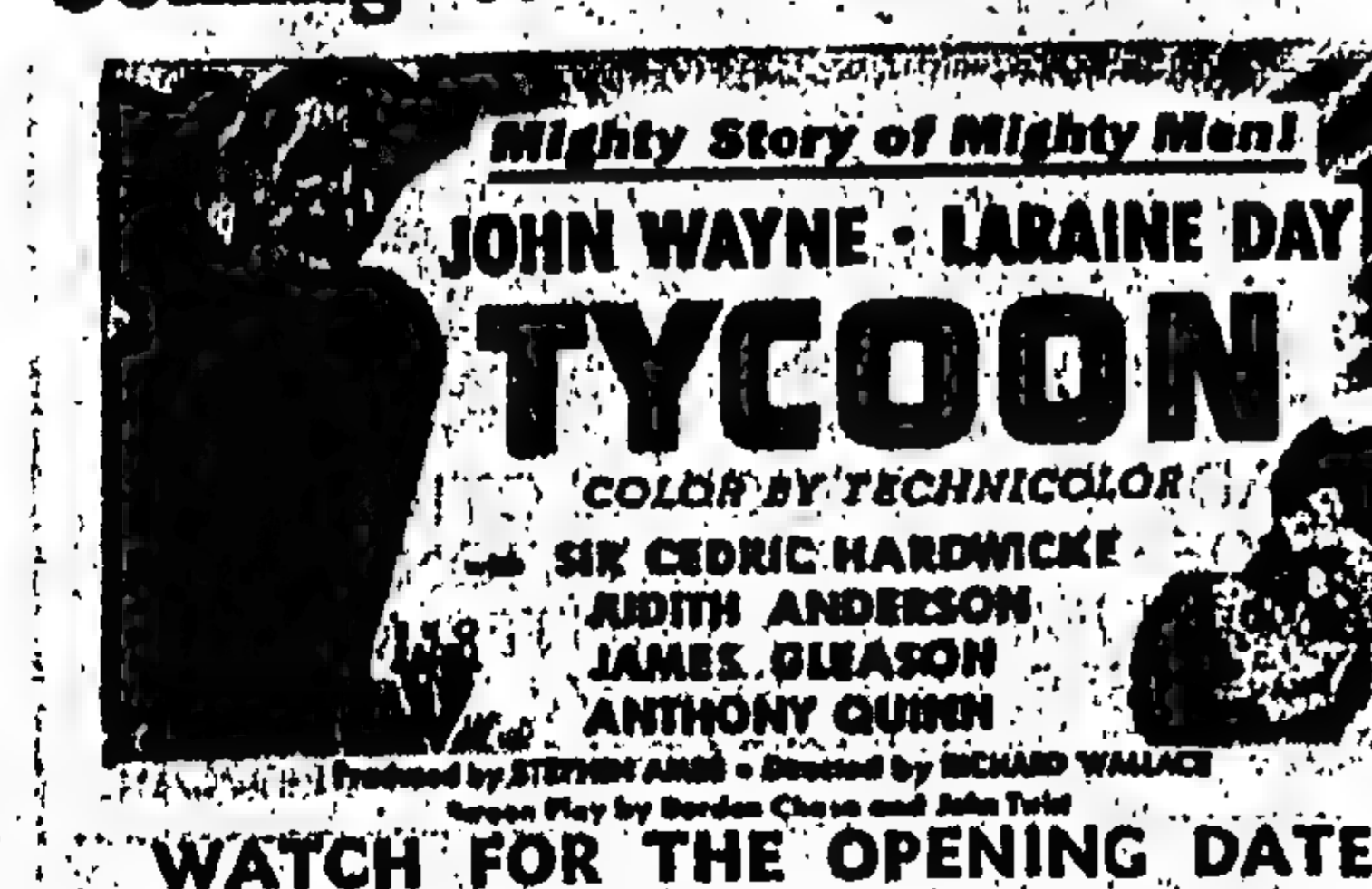
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Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL," said the Sweep, "ow do you think things are gittin along now?"

"Not so dusty," I said.

"Not so dusty at all," said the Sweep. "I see we've even got a bit of praise from America, which makes a nice change!"

"Very nice."

"Though you don't want to get a swelled end about that."

"I ain't got a swelled end about it," said the Sweep. "There's little old Americans can call you a brother one week and a basket the next."

"They can all sit."

"Though it's nice to know, we've made them appy for a few days if nothink else."

"What you ought to feel appy about," said the Sweep, "is this old lickin' of the TUC ave given them there little old Communists."

"Ear, ear," I said.

"Because I can't see you lastin long if Oly Joe Stalin got control of the Government."

"Nor can I," I said.

"I see a little old Ungarian is in the cooler for eight months for tryin to be funny about the Ungarian Communist Government."

"Go on?" I said.

"Just a man doin a little bit of typin like yourself," said the Sweep.

"Well," I said.

"Only better educated, him, bein a doctor."

"I see."

"Because you mustn't laugh at Oly Joe or any of its disciples," said the Sweep. "It's worse than keepin your ar on in church."

"Fancy," I said.

"Little old Hitler was the same," said the Sweep. "Nobody could laugh at him and get away with it."

"Too true," I said.

"Which is the first sign that you've gorn balmy."

"It certainly is."

"So you'd better be careful," said the Sweep.

"All right," I said.

"Considerin ow you used to come the neid about little old Hitler," said the Sweep, "I reckon you was lucky we didn't lose the last war."

"I reckon I was."

"Cor stone the crows," said the Sweep. "If you don't watch your step you'll be pickin oakum for laughin at little old Omer."

"Quite likely," I said.

"Se before them Communist spies git you," said the Sweep, "you'd better ave one for the road."

"Thank you," I said.

"The skin of your nose," said the Sweep.

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"Very well, old man. First of all I think it's pretty well known that the Russians are mechanical idiots."

"I didn't happen to know, it, old man."

"Well, almost everybody but you happens to know, it, old man."

"Such as, who, old man?"

"Such as all the experts, old man, and all the people who read their opinions in the newspapers."

"It must have been something I happened to miss in the newspapers, old man: As Russia is a closed book, perhaps you can tell me how the experts know so much?"

"Well, old man, it's pretty well known that their mechanical transport is always breaking down. And I think it's fairly obvious that they have never invented anything new."

"It may be obvious to you, old man, but as I have never visited any of Russia's secret factories I'm afraid I wouldn't know."

"Neither have I, old man, but if they're so clever at inventing things in their secret factories, perhaps you can tell me why they slavishly copy British and American aircraft designs?"

"As I've never been a Russian aircraft, I wouldn't know if it's a slavish copy, old man, though I presume there is such a thing as learning from others."

"Granted, old man, but in war the one who wins is the one who thinks of things first."

"Have you any other reason for thinking the Russians are bound to lose old man?"

"Well, old man, I suppose you must have heard of a little thing called the atomic bomb?"

"I think I've read about it somewhere, old man. I also read that the experts don't regard it as a decisive weapon."

"It was pretty decisive in Japan, old man."

"There didn't happen to be any opposition in Japan at the time, old man."

"Well, old man, let's put it this way. Suppose one bomber got through to Moscow with one atomic bomb and destroyed everything and everybody there, old man."

"Yes, old man."

"And suppose another got through to Leningrad and did the same thing."

"Yes, old man."

"And suppose a dozen others got through to another dozen Russian cities and killed everybody in them."

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"You're getting very blood-thirsty, old man."

"We're at war, old man."

"Not yet, old man."

"I mean for the sake of argument, old man."

"All right, old man."

"What I was trying to convey, old man, is that only an idiot could imagine Russia carrying on with most of her cities destroyed."

"I'm not accustomed to being called an idiot, old man."

"Nobody was calling you an idiot, old man."

"In that case, I must be getting deaf, old man."

"I thought this was going to be a friendly argument, old man."

"I rather hoped so, old man. Perhaps we'd better drop it, old man."

"Perhaps we had, old man. Good night, old man."

"Good night, old man."

Lottie's column

LOTTIE the devil cat writes:— I simply must tell you of the perfectly marvellous time I've had alone for a week with Mr G., the rest of the family being away.

Grilled turbot for lunch one day, fried sole the next, and nearly always soft herring roes for supper. Also the top of the milk every morning.

At first he didn't like the sleeping on his bed because I'm rather restless, but I kicked up such a row outside his door that he had to let me in every night. I got him up each morning at seven sharp to get the breakfast.

He is also pretty broadminded about boy friends, though I must say they've cooled off since my operation.

But they couldn't resist Mr G's cooking, so we had quite a party one evening, with grilled herrings all round and warm milk to wash it down.

Of course, it's rather annoying when one's friends eat one's food and then bolt for the door. And even worse when they slap one's face when one tries to detain them for a game of ping-pong.

But there—all men are the same. When once they've lost interest in you it's all over, unless you have

IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

LABOUR might well say to Mr Ivor Thomas, who left the party last month— "Perhaps it was right to disassemble your love, but why did you kick me downstairs?"

It is one thing to differ with old colleagues and part company with them. It is quite another to spit upon them (metaphorically) in the act of parting.

It was Mr Thomas's speech which, shocked and angered Labour M.P.s the other night.

MOST Labour people, including Mr Herbert Morrison himself, are agreed that each case of nationalisation of industry must be considered on its merits, and steel may be a more dubious proposition than others.

Ivor Thomas thinks it is, and parts company with the Labour Party on the issue. In so doing he is exercising his right of private judgment.

YET this decision provides him with no justification whatever for the wholesale condemnation of the Labour Government, its works and its leadership, in which he indulged.

His thoroughness in this respect seemed to me to be positively indecent.

If Thomas really thought these things the parting should obviously have come much sooner.

By staying on, and indeed assisting in work which he now condemns so bitterly, he convicts himself of insincerity and, as I see it, offends against the common decencies of politics.

THE RT. HON. OSBERT PEAKE, Conservative M.P. for North Leeds, is giving up his chairmanship of the Public Accounts Committee. He has presided over this important body since 1945. It is an onerous task, taking up a good deal of time, and I imagine Peake, as an Opposition front-bencher, now wants to devote more time to the cut-and-thrust of parliamentary debate, in which he is no bungling amateur.

ACCORDING to custom, the chair of the Public Accounts Committee is occupied by a member who has been Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Peake, who is now 50, held this office for four years, and before that was Under-Secretary at the Home Office. He has been in Parliament 10 years.

Captain Crookshank and Mr Ralph Ashton have the necessary qualification for taking Peake's place, and presumably one of them will step into the breach.

MEMBERS were sorry to learn of the resignation of Hubert Beaumont as Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, an office in line for the Speakership.

Beaumont, who is now 55, first came to Parliament in 1939 as Labour M.P. for Baiton and Molesey.

He became deputy chairman at the beginning of the present Parliament. Latterly he has been much handicapped by indifferent health.

The holder of the office is for the time being above the ordinary political battle, but his duties are very exacting, and in a period of much legislation are a test of mental and physical powers of endurance.

QUOTATION

From Mr Churchill's speech on the dropping of the word British from the British Commonwealth of Nations in the House of Commons—

"I wonder myself that the word 'Commonwealth' should satisfy the requirements of Socialist statesmanship."

"If all these exclusions and inhibitions are to be enforced it would seem only logical to adopt some completely loose and meaningless term such as was suggested some years ago, ironically, by an amusing journalist, Mr Nathaniel Gubbins, when he pictured the world after the war being divided into groups: population group No. 6, population group No. 7."

"That, at any rate, would achieve what appears to be the ideal of the Socialist Government in respect of the British Empire of committing nobody to anything at any time in any way."

By JACK MEEHAN

Secrets For Sale

BERLIN—Like to build your own atomic bomb?

Well, take a few cartons of cigarettes and stroll along Kurfuerstendamm, fabulous street of ruins, the Park Avenue of prewar Berlin.

There you can shop around among the shadowy figures which lurk in rubbed back alleys and either between the dim lights filtering through the curtained windows of the swank black market pleasure palaces.

If you can't get a plan reputedly outlining each step in making atom bombs, the chances are you can pick up blueprints of a purported top-secret British battleship or a chart mapping alleged Russian plans to invade Rumania.

There's anything for sale in the Kurfuerstendamm, and the street is overrun with spies.

Although many sensational phonies are peddled by the aspiring agents, Kurfuerstendamm's illicit traffic in "secrets" has not gone unnoticed by the legitimate agents of Germany's four squabbling occupiers.

Agents occasionally have struck pay dirt in the street's lush champagne salons and bomb-wrecked back alleys.

A business man just back from the Russian zone can tip the West-Germans on new types of Russian tanks spotted around Leipzig.

A German prisoner of war from Russia passes along a morsel about Russian atom experiments beyond the Urals.

All the information, of course, has a price, and cigarettes are still negotiable in this divided city, with two official currencies and most monies of the world circulating illegally.

Kurfuerstendamm trades in sin for a living. There are black market meals of delicacies from both sides of the Iron Curtain, including luxurious Paris fabrics smuggled across 100 miles of Russian territory, and gaudy palaces of pleasure houses as natural for spying.

Sources which can't be named still talk in hushed tones of a glamorous unnamed woman who enlisted beauties from three or four nations to ply Russian officers for secrets during intimate moments.

There are pictures circulating today showing leering Russians passionately embracing beautiful, thinly-clad women, reputedly agents in the unnamed woman's employ.

This woman is said still to be operating in Berlin. Whether "or not some other power" has bid higher for her talents, no one is prepared to say.

It is said, however, that she is a dangerous woman, her loyalty available for gold, who learned to trade beauty for secrets long before the last war while working in an Egyptian house of assignation.

United Press.

NANCY High Voltage



WING ON GODOWN FIRE INQUIRY

Film Scrap Moved From One Storage To Another

Evidence regarding the storage of 144 drums of (about 70,000 lbs) film scrap in the Wing On Godown was given by Mr Arthur Ng Sze-sheung, secretary of the Oriental Development Corporation before the Commission of Inquiry at the Supreme Court this morning.

The witness said that the head office of the Oriental Development Corporation was in Shanghai and it was they who ordered the film scrap from the United States in September last year. Witness did not see the cargo but he knew that film was highly inflammable. He did not know there were regulations concerning the storage of films in the Colony.

On instructions from the manager, witness said he looked for storage space but there was none at the Kowloon Godowns or the China Provident so he instructed the China Travel Service to find space. He contacted Mr Benjamin Lee, assistant manager, who subsequently told him that the goods were stored in the Wing On Godown and a warrant was given to witness's accountant.

Replying to the Chairman, witness said that his firm did not regularly import film scrap.

The Chairman: Perhaps you can tell us why the film was stored in Hongkong.

Witness: Because at the time it was difficult to get a permit in Shanghai, therefore, the goods were sent to Hongkong temporarily.

FIRM INSURED

Replying further, witness said that the film was insured with the China Insurance Company on the same day as it was stored in the godown. The policy was taken out on September 22, 1947, and expired on September 22, 1948, the day of the fire. The 144 drums were first stored in No. 1 Godown, Connaught Road West, and the insurance was \$100,000 at the rate of \$8 per mille. The goods were later removed to No. 5 Godown in Des Voeux Road West and the rate was increased to \$10 per mille.

Mr Woo here interposed, to say that there was an entry on the policy to say that the goods were removed from No. 1 to No. 5 godown on December 2, 1947.

Answering the Chairman, Ng Sze-sheung said he did not know how the removal had arisen.

CHAIRMAN'S QUESTIONS

The Chairman: Was the transfer of the policy and the transfer of the goods done at the instance of the godown company or was it done at your instance?—At the instance of the godown.

Do you remember being informed about this?—I cannot remember whether I was informed at the time.

This godown warrant was issued on September 22, 1947. Yes sir.

It seems that the goods were to be stored in No. 5 godown. Has that figure been altered in the godown warrant? We did not alter the character "five."

It appears to have been altered. I see that this character is a little blackish.

Do you remember when you received this godown warrant?—I cannot remember because it was not I who received it.

These characters "kau kau pin" were they put on the drums?—I don't know.

Did you give instructions for any such characters to be put on the drums?—As far as I remember I did not give any such instructions to anyone. The characters mean "old film scraps."

Would you take it to mean "gum"?—No.

Would it mean "rubber scrap"?—No, sir. It cannot mean rubber for it means rubber it would be "saw kau" (raw rubber).

ONE PREVIOUS SHIPMENT

Mr Wright: Is this the first time that your firm has dealt with a commodity of this nature?—Second time. The previous shipment was about July, 1947.

Did you have to get a licence to import it into the Colony?—Yes.

How do you arrive at the name "kau pin"?—We use the Chinese name for film scrap or the English word "film" for these goods.

Replying further, witness said that both the import licence and the manifest were handed over to the China Travel Service.

Mr Wright: Was there any return made to the Imports and Exports Department of the arrival of the goods?—No, I don't know about that.

After the arrival of the goods is it not the proper procedure to inform the I. and E. Department that they have actually arrived?—It has never been done by my firm before. As far as I am concerned I cannot remember if there was ever such a procedure.

NO INSPECTION

While these goods were in the Wing On Godown did you ever inspect them?—Never.

Or anyone from your firm?—I don't know if any of our folks went to the godown to inspect the goods. I did not give them instructions to do so and moreover it is not part of my duty to give such instructions.

Was it necessary to tell the insurance company where the goods were stored before they quoted you a rate?—After the insurance company is informed of ordinary goods or dangerous goods they then fix the premium for such goods.

Have you any explanation why the insurance company suddenly changed the rate from eight to ten percent because the goods were stored in the godown to another?—I cannot explain that.

think or did you know the reason?—I don't know the reason why. Did you make any enquiries?—No, I do not look after insurance matters. These are looked after by the accountant, Lau.

ALTERED FIGURE

With regard to the godown warrant where the figure five has been altered is it likely that that was done in your office?—I believe it would not be possible for us to do so. If the Wing On Company were changing these goods from No. 1 to No. 5 godown is it likely that they could have that warrant to make the alterations?—I don't know anything about this because I did not keep the warrant. The godown is in charge of that.

Where exactly did you store the previous cargo of film scrap?—In the Chinese Union Corporation godown. The goods are no longer stored there as they have left the Colony. I have the insurance policy here.

Is that a dangerous goods godown?—I asked them for dangerous goods godown before. No, never.

They said the goods could be stored there.

Have you stored goods which come in the category of the Dangerous Goods regulations in No. 5 godown before?—No, never.

The Chairman: Have any legal proceedings been taken against you for storage of the 144 drums?—No.

Mr Wright pointed out that although a person was liable for storage of goods under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance he was not under the Cinematographic Film Ordinance.

The Chairman: Is Lau, your accountant, still in your employ?—Yes.

Is necessary, can he give evidence?—I don't know, sir.

Mr Justice Reynolds is Chairman with the Hon. N.O.C. Marsh, Messrs A. E. Lissman, Kwok Chan and Lo Min-nung as members and Mr T. D. Sorby as Secretary.

Watching briefs are held by Mr D. L. Wright, instructed by Mr Y. K. Kan, for the Wing On Company, Mr D. B. Evans for the Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong, and Mr P. C. Woo for Mr Ng Sze-sheung.

The proceedings are continuing.

ROYAL BIRTH MESSAGE TO HONGKONG

Sir Alexander Grantham has received a telegram from the Governor of Macao (Commander Albano Rodrigues de Oliveira) on the occasion of the royal birth.

The telegram reads: "On the occasion of the happy celebration of the royal birth I offer Your Excellency in my name, and on behalf of the people of Macao, our warmest congratulations for this great event, and our cordial expression of good wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the royal family and the British nation."

Acknowledging the message, His Excellency the Governor replied: "On behalf of the people of Hongkong I thank Your Excellency most warmly for your cordial message of congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of the royal birth."

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Lusty SOS Brings Help



Firemen and police in Minneapolis found 13-month-old Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs J. D. Daun, Minneapolis, sounding this hearty cry for help when one foot got trapped behind a kitchen pipe and his parents, couldn't free it. After a bit of careful manipulating, firemen ended the fearful torrent. — AP Picture.

MORE EVIDENCE IN BRIBERY INQUIRY

Alien's Telephone Calls To Officials

London, Nov. 16.—Alfred Bieber, a London solicitor, giving evidence today at the Government inquiry into alleged corruption, told of a telephone conversation from his office between Sidney Stanley, otherwise known as Solomon Wulkan, and people alleged to be Board of Trade officials.

Stanley, witness declared, used a code number to get the call through, asked for "John Wood," and then spoke to someone he addressed as "Cross" with whom he seemed to be on very friendly terms.

Cross-examined by counsel for Mr J. B. Cross, Secretary to Mr John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, Mr Bieber said he was afraid the whole telephone conversation was a fake.

Stanley, an alien said to use five names, is spotlighted as the occupant of a £1,000 a year luxury flat where business men and Government Ministers were brought to.

Mr Bieber said the man at the other end of the phone confirmed that Stanley could bring the whole of his £180,000 unused import allocation over "either in amusement licences or anything else."

NEVER GOT CAR

The voice also said the car for Bieber was leaving Dover. Questioned about the car, Mr Bieber said Stanley was letting him have it at a price. He never got it.

Mr Bieber said Stanley used to ring up various people from his office, including politicians—who were not confined to one party.

Earlier, Mr Francis Cecil Price, managing director of a London department store, cross-examined by counsel for Stanley, objected that he was being subjected to a "misleading campaign so that the newspapers can have a Roman holiday."

Price, who went to the police with the allegation that he had been asked to pay £10,000 for a licence to buy gun fair equipment, today agreed he had invited Mr George Gibson, a director of the nationalised Bank of England, to become chairman of a company which ran a health and holiday exhibition in London last winter.

The exhibition, said Mr Price, was a "disastrous flop," and there were creditors for over £100,000.

Mr Price denied that he had broken a promise to give Stanley shares in a holiday camp business that rose from five shillings to 25 shillings or that he had persuaded Stanley to buy shares in another company at 10 shillings and six pence a share which were now standing at five shillings and six pence.

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He also denied that Stanley had loaned him £300 and had had difficulty in recovering it, or that he had ever bought property from Stanley.

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Cominform Has Banks In France

Revelations To The National Assembly

Paris, Nov. 16.—Funds from Russia to the Communists in France and Belgium were transferred through a bank in France, legally French, but actually owned by the two leading Soviet banks, M. Jules Moch, the Minister of the Interior, told the French National Assembly tonight.

The deputies were debating the recent French strikes and M. Moch's declaration that they were financed by the Cominform. M. Moch said the name of the bank was the La Franco Commerciale Pour L'Europe Du Nord and of its 100,000 shares, 50,700 belonged to the Soviet State Bank and the Soviet Bank for Foreign Trade.

Quite recently Cominform gold for more than one milliard francs was brought into France, inquiries revealed that in July last, the Swiss police arrested a Rumanian citizen whose official job was to help people from Rumania but who, in fact, was an agent for the distribution of Cominform funds in France and Belgium.

M. Moch added that at the end of July, the French police expelled 10 of this man's agents in France and insisted on the recall of one Rumanian diplomat. On this occasion, the Communist press raised no protest.

NEW PLAN

At the beginning of September, the Cominform covered another organisation for the distribution of funds, M. Moch said. The Government was in possession of a plan drawn up in Rumania under which only diplomats or people of French nationality were now being employed for the transfer of funds.

It had recently been discovered that a former Commercial Attaché at the Rumanian Embassy in Paris, once expelled, had returned to the Embassy with sums amounting to 60 million francs for financing agitation in the North of France and in Belgium.

He had again been expelled, M. Moch added.

M. Moch said: "I suppose that the Rumanian Government is not aware of all the activities of some of its agents and that it will in future pay them not to interfere in our commercial affairs, in which case they will continue to be welcome here."

He announced that two Russians, two Poles and two Czechs were expelled this afternoon from France for their part in the distribution of Cominform funds.

DEBATE ON STRIKES

Though a police official said that only the "usual precautions" were being taken, police forces were posted near the National Assembly today as the National Assembly began its debate on the recent strikes led by Communists and an allegation by the Minister of the Interior that the strikes were financed by the Cominform.

The newly-elected Council of the Republic (or Upper House) also met today for a short formal opening session and adjourned after 25 minutes until Friday.

M. Moch today concluded in the Assembly his review of what he called "the reign of terror in the coalfields" with the words "Law and order will carry the day in France."

M. Moch, in his opening speech, said that at one stage during the strike when troops had reoccupied pits and organised bands commanded and led by former Communist Maquis employed genuine "maquis tactics."

They launched counter attacks, which were sometimes "very violent and savage."

He read reports from local officers describing how bridges and roads had been mined. Turning to the Communist benches, M. Moch exclaimed: "This is not trade union action. This is a revolutionary action."

The Communist deputies, who had apparently been instructed to avoid the slightest incident, made no interruption.

ACTS OF SABOTAGE

M. Moch said there had been 47 major acts of sabotage against property and 387 attacks on persons or property. "It is obvious that this criminal epidemic of sabotage and intimidation is due to orders from above."

The situation was now better, but sabotage and intimidation continued in some localities where local leaders of the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour acted "as if they were kinglets."

Troops would remain in all regions until personal security and freedom to work were again fully assured.

M. Moch said the total number of police agents wounded during the coal strike and up to November 12 was 479. In the course of the coal strike until November 12, 1,041 persons had been arrested, including 117 foreigners—Poles, Italians and Germans.

Three hundred and seventeen persons had been sentenced and 25 foreigners expelled.

SECRET AGENTS

The Minis' clerical reports which he said had come from secret agents inside Communist cells all over the country. He said all three reports showed "instructions given to Communist officials were to carry on the strike 'until the Government was overthrown'."

In one cell, a Communist speaker said the object of the strike was "the fall of the Government and the

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Search For Air Crash Bodies OCCUPATION STATUTE

Genoa, Italy, Nov. 16.—A first aid squad set out on Tuesday to recover the bodies of two men killed in the crash on Monday of a Royal Aero Club of London biplane on a 3,270 foot high mountain in the vicinity of Roncato, near Genoa.

One of the bodies has been identified as that of Ronald Knott of Liverpool, believed to be the pilot of the plane.

The second man whose name was not yet known was said to be an Italian police guard who accompanied Knott on a flight that was to have taken them from Rome to Pisa, Associated Press.

seizure of power by the Communist Party by direct action if necessary. The Minister said: "The man who made this statement is in this Assembly and was at one time on the run because he feared arrest."

M. Moch quoted instructions given by the Secretary of the Cominform to the late General Zhdanov in July, 1946. He said the document teaching him from a very sure source gave the Communist parties in Western Europe the following instructions: "Whatever may be the outcome of the diplomatic negotiations now going on in Moscow, the fight against the Marshall Plan must be continued by all possible means in Western Europe."

The Communists in Western Europe must not on this account relax their efforts against the Marshall Plan. A diplomatic truce will only be an episode in the war against Western capitalism, which must be brought to its knees. — Reuter.

90% Agreement Is Reached

Frankfurt, Nov. 16.—General Lucius D. Clay, the United States Military Governor, said tonight that the three Western Military Governors of Germany today reached "90 percent agreement" on the form of an Occupation Statute.

It said the Statute "would now be referred back to the British, French and American Governments for further instructions. He added that General Sir Brian Robertson and General Pierre Koeng had conferred with him for five and a half hours.

During their meeting, they had eliminated many causes of disagreement on the Statute but he refused to disclose their nature.

General Clay said the Statute would give Western Germany the first legal definition of its status since the occupation.

He said the three Military Governors will hold their next official meeting on November 30 to discuss the problems anew after instructions have been received from their Governments.

"We reduced that margin of disagreement to a very small margin indeed," General Clay added. He said that he had a brief meeting also here today with the three Service commanders of the Western United States Military forces who were not discussed. — Reuter.

CARGO BLACKED OUT

Cairo, Nov. 16.—Cairo was blacked out for 50 minutes on Tuesday night following an air raid alarm. — Associated Press.

AID DISTRIBUTION

Washington, Nov. 16.—Distribution of Marshall Plan Aid funds has passed the \$3,000,000,000 mark. The allocations announced today totaled \$47,827,240 bringing the total aid for all countries to date to \$3,008,440,000. — Reuter.

RUSSIA WANTS BIG 4 TO MEET

Reply To Lie-Evatt Note

Paris, Nov. 16.—Russia today indirectly agreed to consider a conference of the Big Four heads of State and specifically repeated its demand for a Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers meeting to consider the Berlin and German problems.

In a letter to Dr Herbert Evatt, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, head of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations, said the Soviet also wished that the matter could go to the Council of Foreign Ministers.

The United States, Britain and France meanwhile announced complete agreement upon the answers they would deliver to the proposal made by top United Nations officials for Big Four negotiations in the Berlin crisis.

Representatives of the three Western Governments announced in a joint communique "complete agreement of the views of their Governments" to the peace proposal made by Dr Herbert Evatt and Mr Trygve Lie.

SITUATION THE SAME

Their replies which probably will be delivered to Dr Evatt and Mr Lie tomorrow, are expected to reject the proposal, despite an earlier announcement by the French Information Ministry that France's reply would be "favourable in principle".

An Anglo-American spokesman insisted the Ministry statement in no way changed the situation. They said it was issued for home consumption, especially for Frenchmen who opposed a tough policy toward Russia.

Later, a French Foreign Office spokesman spoke earlier thought that the French official position on the Evatt-Lie letter had changed. He told the press, "The Berlin affair is on the same basis as before—nothing has been changed."

He added that there were two different interpretations of the Evatt-Lie letter:

"Firstly, if, as some say, these gentlemen want simply to aid the President of the Security Council in finding a solution to the Berlin crisis—then France welcomes it."

"If, as others say, their intent is to take the Berlin crisis off the Security Council and solve it by some other means—a Big Four meeting or the General Assembly—then France does not welcome it."

AGREE IN PRINCIPLE

The Anglo-American spokesman dismissed the earlier French statement as unimportant in the international picture. As one said, "To say that we agree with the Evatt-Lie letter in principle is like saying we are all against sin."

He added, "Of course we agree in principle with the Evatt-Lie proposal. We all voted for the Mexican resolution calling on the big powers to try to restore peace. But we are not backing down—the United States, Britain or France—from the position that we will not negotiate while the blockade continues."

The following is the official translation of the Vyshinsky letter as issued in Paris:

The Soviet Government has instructed me to convey to you its following reply:

Your letter of November 13 has been received by the Soviet Government.

The Soviet Government thanks you for your efforts in conciliation of existing differences.

The Soviet Government already on October 3 last addressed to the Governments of the U.S., Britain and France notes in which it proposed to accept as agreed on August 30 the directive for the commanders-in-chief in Berlin as agreed between the Governments of the USSR, USA, Britain and France for settlement of the Berlin question.

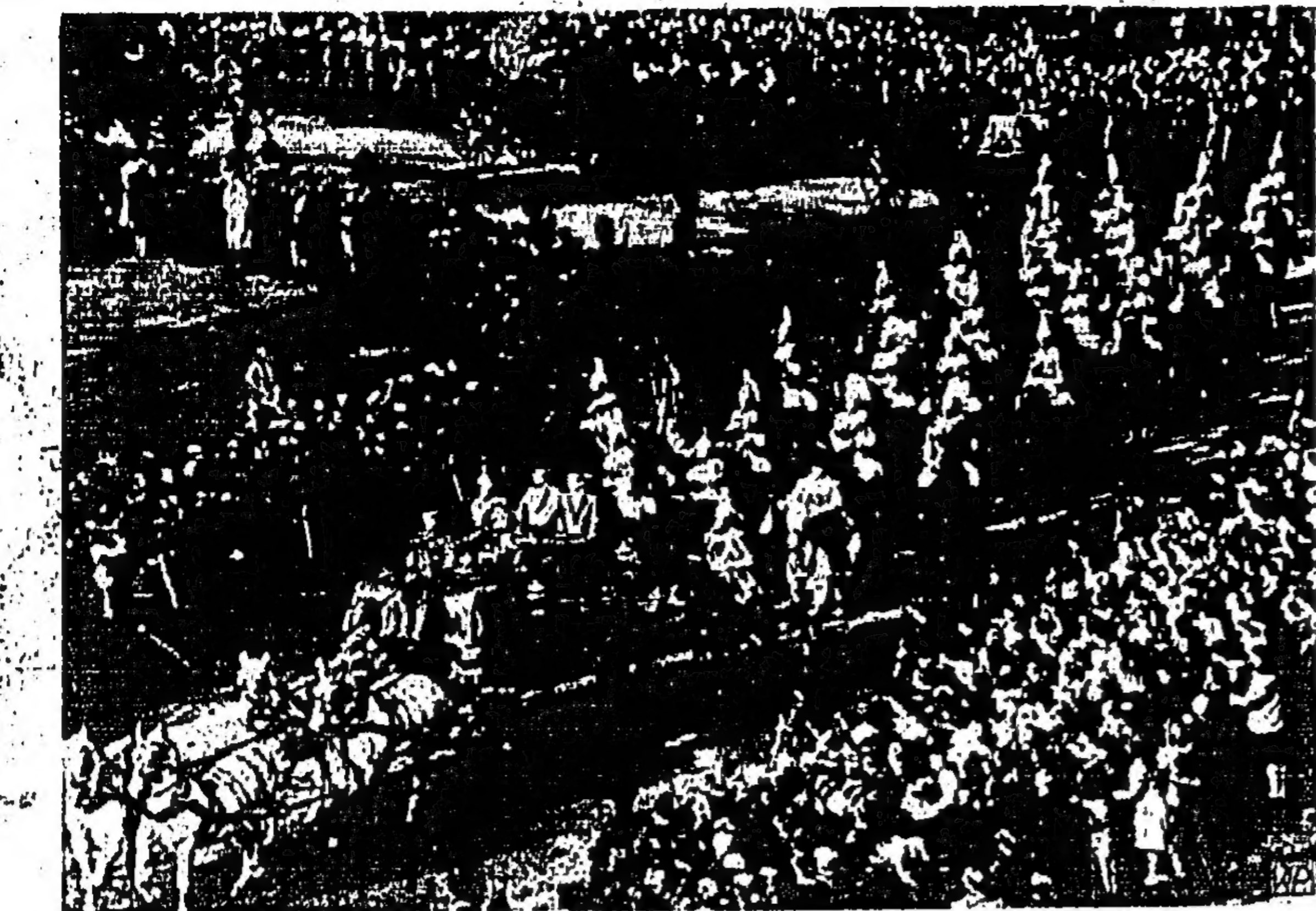
POSITION MAINTAINED

The Soviet Government proposed at the same time to convene a session of the Council of Foreign Ministers for consideration of the question pertaining to the situation in Berlin as well as the question of Germany. The Soviet Government still maintains this position.

The Soviet Government shares your point of view that solution of the Berlin question will have a positive effect on settlement of other questions, such as those of peace settlements for Germany, Austria and Japan.

The Soviet Government also shares your point of view regarding the importance of personal contact and mutual confidence among the heads of powers in the improvement of relations.

On behalf of the Government of the USSR, Signed, Vyshinsky.



Spectators line the street

as King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, riding in the Royal Coach, leaves London's Buckingham Palace for the opening session of Parliament. The Household Cavalry escorts the coach. The King, opening the Parliament session amid ancient pomp, called for nationalisation of Britain's steel industry.—AP Picture.

RUSSIANS TO HOLD ARMY MANOEUVRES

Berlin, Nov. 16.—Informed Allied quarters said today that over 300,000 Russian soldiers were preparing to hold winter army manoeuvres in Eastern Germany for the first time since the war.

Since the German occupation began, the Soviets have held their winter army exercises in Russia. The Western authorities said there were increasing signs of the Russian plan and it was believed the manoeuvres would be concentrated in five or six scattered localities about 100 miles northeast of Frankfurt on the border of the American occupation zone.

The area has been a staging ground for Russian troops since 1945.

SUITABLE TERRAIN

The most likely spot for heavy troop concentration, however, appeared to be in the central part of the Soviet zone northeast of Dresden. The terrain there is more suitable for tank operations.

Until the past few days, Western observers had been puzzled by the restricted character of the Soviet summer and autumn manoeuvres. Instead of conducting manoeuvres of army level of about 100,000 troops, the Soviets have held their exercises to corps level of about 30,000 troops. Some American quarters believed the Russians were merely withdrawing to new quarters. They were puzzled, however, over such activity when the international situation is so tense.—United Press.

Guerilla War In Spain Forecast

Moscow, Nov. 16.—The Soviet Communist Party organ, Pravda, declared today that the "game of guerrilla war" was rising in Spain "from one end of the country to the other."

It said guerrilla forces were being organised and expanded in Galicia and Asturias in Andalusia, Seville, Estramadura, Granada, the Levante and Aragon.

In Galicia last year, the "Fourth Guerrilla Formation" carried out 308 military operations and in Andalusia, other bands made 348 sorties, the newspaper claimed. Junts of resistance were being formed throughout the country "That is the truth about the peace that reigns in Spain," Pravda said.—Reuter.

MOCK AIR ATTACK

Vienna, Nov. 16.—The Russian news agency, Tass, said tonight that six American fighter planes carried out a mock low-level attack on the Soviet zone Austrian town of Amstetten today, throwing the people of the town into a panic. The Russian authorities were reported to have lodged a protest demanding that the pilots be punished.—Reuter.

Exchange Of Films

Newcastle, Northumberland, Nov. 16.—Britain and Denmark have signed an agreement providing for the exchange of documentary films between the two countries, Mr John Grierson, film controller in the Central Office of Information, stated here today.

Under the agreement, all documentary films, including technical films made in either country will be available to the other.—Reuter.

POMP AND GLITTER

Pointed Questions To Stafford Cripps

London, Nov. 16.—Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told Parliament today that Dollar receipts by Malaya were running "at rather over last year's rate." He could not estimate what sales to hard currency areas would have been if there had been no disturbances.

He was replying to Mr Oliver Crosthwaite Eyre, Conservative, who had asked what loss in receipts of Dollars, or other hard currency, to the Sterling pool had occurred to date in the present financial year as against last year on account of the disturbances in Malaya.

He also asked for an estimate of the full loss that would be incurred in the present financial year.

Sir Stafford said in reply to a question that the Government had continually pressed the Burmese Government to carry out its undertaking in the Anglo-Burmese Treaty of October 17, 1947, to pay a suitable compensation to British firms whose properties had been expropriated.

"We shall continue to do so," he added.

The British Government, however, could not usefully comment on, or take part in, the detailed discussions which the British interests concerned were now having with the Government of Burma, he declared.

Mr Crosthwaite Eyre accused the Government of "sitting on the fence" and not taking all the steps in their power to protect the British interests concerned.

WARNING CONFIRMED

The Chancellor replied that the Government had been trying to get the Burmese to carry out their undertaking to pay equitable compensation.

Earl Winterston, Conservative, asked: "Are you not aware that Mr Churchill and I warned the Government that this would happen, when the Burma Bill was before the House? We were told that the British Government had every expectation that payment would be made at an early date. Why have their anticipations not been fulfilled?"

Sir Stafford replied: "Negotiations are still proceeding."

Mr Crosthwaite Eyre: "Will you tell us exactly what steps have been taken?"

Sir Stafford: "Representations through the proper channels."

Mr Walker Fletcher: "When you say we cannot usefully interfere, does that mean you are going on with the £80,000,000 free loan and the £15,000,000 gift? Is that going to be usefully interfered with or not?"

Sir Stafford: "We have in fact no interfering with any undertaking we have given."

Reuter.

Mysterious Subs Sighted

Montreal, Nov. 16.—The Canadian Government Signals Service looked out on lonely Belle Isle, 740 miles below Quebec, reported today that yesterday he saw three submarines, of unknown nationality, break surface. They were apparently heading for the Canadian coast. Bad visibility and heavy overcast skies made identification impossible. Maritime officials here believed they might be returning United States submarines sent to the Arctic to scout for icebergs menacing late shipping off the North-East coast.—Reuter.

U.S. COMMISSIONS NEW WARSHIP

Boston, Nov. 16.—The USS Des Moines, a new U.S. cruiser, was commissioned on Tuesday. The 17,000-ton warship has nine eight-inch guns firing electronically and automatically at the Navy says, four times the speed of any previous guns. The ship's speed is stated to be "in excess of 30 knots."—Associated Press.

Casualties In Malaya

LATEST FIGURES

Singapore, Nov. 17.—It was officially announced on Tuesday that British and Malayan Security Forces have killed 295 Communist insurgents and captured 217 since the Communist revolt began in the Federation of Malaya on June 16.

Four thousand three hundred and sixty-seven other suspected Communist were rounded up. The announcement said that 115 of the wounded were Chinese and 287 killed and 203 wounded.

NEARLY ALL CHINESE

British army casualties were not listed.

The figures brought out the fact that the insurgents are almost all Chinese Communists. All but seven of the Communists were Chinese. All but 15 of the wounded were Chinese and 3,831 of those detained were Chinese.

Anti-Communist Chinese were the main victims of the revolt, the figures showed. Chinese civilians killed by Communists numbered 17 while only 20 Europeans lost their lives.

One Siamese was killed and one wounded in fighting with Communists, the announcement disclosed.—Associated Press.

Reds To Dismantle Machinery

Vienna, Nov. 16.—A competent official source said tonight that the Austrian Government had advised the American occupation authorities that the Soviet authorities propose to dismantle the machinery of the Globus printing works and remove it to Russia.

Globus was one of Austria's biggest publishing firms before 1938 and was taken over by the Nazis.—Reuter.

SMUGGLING CONSPIRACY

Nine Americans

Indicted

Miami, Florida, Nov. 16.—A Federal Grand Jury indicted nine Americans on Tuesday on charges of conspiracy to smuggle bombers and small arms into Palestine for Israeli use against the Arabs.

Mr Chester Emeric, chief of the United States Customs in Miami, said that the men were accused of taking three B-17s and one Lockheed Constellation from Newark, New Jersey to Zatec, Czechoslovakia and had arranged to export four A-20 attack bombers.

The B-17s reached Palestine on June 11. The Constellation crashed at Zatec after 10 transport missions and the four A-20s were seized in August by customs officials at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

STILL OPERATING

Mr Emeric said "one of the B-17s took off to bomb Cairo from Zatec on July 10, piloted by an ex-American Air Force serviceman. The other B-17s were loaded with arms and ammunition from the Skoda arms plant in Prague and destined for Tel-Aviv."

The United States prosecuting attorney, Mr Fred Davis, said that the ring "is still operating but we hope to put a damper on it through prosecution."

Mr Emeric said that the law-versus Mr Charles Winterston, Miami, accused of arranging the B-17 flights to Zatec, have been in contact with the Federal authorities and are ready to surrender. Warrants are being issued for the other eight and the trial is set for January 24.—Associated Press.

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